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Yaumati	...Dep.	6.50	—	—	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	3.31	4.44	5.48	7.30
Shatin	...Dep.	7.02	—	—	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	3.43	4.56	5.51	7.42
Taipo	...Dep.	7.16	—	—	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	2.56	5.09	6.04	7.55
TaipoMarket	Dep.	7.21	—	—	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	3.00	5.13	6.08	7.59
Fanling	...Dep.	7.33	—	—	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	3.11	5.24	6.19	8.09
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.36	—	9.07	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	3.15	5.28	6.23	8.13
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.43	8.45	9.13	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	3.21	5.34	6.29	8.19
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Fanling	...Dep.	7.31	8.17	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	—	5.51	6.19	—
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Fanling	...	...	7.25	11.10	2.00	3.00	5.55	6.10

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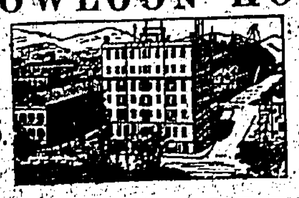
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THE LIBEL SUIT AGAINST LORD GLADSTONE.

REPUTATIONS OF FAMOUS PUBLIC MEN.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, February 5th.

All the talk in London this week has centred round the libel case brought by Captain Peter Wright against Lord Gladstone. A British jury has non-suited the plaintiff. Captain Wright brought the action against Lord Gladstone for a statement contained in a letter addressed to the Committee of the Bath Club. This letter was a sequel to a previous letter published in the Press in which Lord Gladstone called Captain Wright "a liar, a coward, and a foul fellow" for writing in a recent book that Mr. W. E. Gladstone, the famous Liberal Prime Minister, was a licentious hypocrite. The jury added to their verdict a rider which stated: "The jury are of the unanimous opinion that the evidence which has been placed before them has completely vindicated the high moral character of the late Mr. W. E. Gladstone."

Interest in the Trial.

There was enormous public interest in the law case. Lord Gladstone, who is the youngest son of the "Grand Old Man," is over seventy, and he showed himself wonderfully alert in the witness box. His action in coming forward to defend the memory of his father, who has been dead for nearly thirty years, won the sympathy of the general public. In his lifetime Mr. Gladstone was most bitterly assailed over a long course of years on account of his political opinions, but no aspersion was ever cast on his private conduct. His domestic life was happy, and his character free from reproach. It came, therefore, somewhat as a shock when Captain Wright made the charge of immorality against him.

The surprising thing is that any man sitting down to write a book as Captain Wright has done, should have accepted as facts mere tittle-tattle and idle gossip which he recollected hearing as a boy at school. There was nothing from first to last, as the proceedings in Court showed, that deserved a moment's consideration by any responsible person. The popular view here is that Captain Wright is a little bit unbalanced—that he has "a screw loose," as the saying is. He seems to have been obsessed by the idea that anything that was ever said or hinted at in conversation to the detriment of Mr. Gladstone was evidence of moral turpitude. It would be intolerable if people were to be free to besmirch the reputations of great men, who have passed away. In English law you cannot libel the dead; but the present case proves that while this may be the legal aspect of the matter there are nevertheless means of retaliation against mud-slingers.

Since the war a number of books have been published which have impugned the fair fame of distinguished men. The general view of the public is that the time has arrived when this sort of thing should be restrained in the interests of public life. Already Captain Wright's book has been withdrawn from publication; and it can be consigned to deserved oblivion.

"The Farmer's Wife."

With 1,329 performances to its credit, Mr. Eden Phillpotts' Devonshire comedy, "The Farmer's Wife," finished its career at the Court Theatre a few nights ago. Only four plays have enjoyed longer runs in this country"—Chu Chin Chow" (2,238 performances), "The Beggar's Opera" (1,463), "Our Boys" (1,362) and "The Maid of the Mountains" (1,352).

The amazing success of "The Farmer's Wife" forms one of the most interesting romances in Theatreland. When on March 11th, 1924, Sir Barry Jackson produced it at the theatre in Sloane Square the comedy had been "going the rounds" for years. It played for the first fifteen weeks to a loss of nearly £4,000, but Sir Barry Jackson had sufficient faith in its merits to persevere—and from that time onwards the production developed into a phenomenal success.

An extraordinary thing in connection with this play was that the author, Mr. Eden Phillpotts, never saw it performed. Nothing will induce him to leave his home in Devnshire, and I believe he has not been in London for 18 years. Even his own play, which has poured a fortune into his banking account, was not sufficient inducement to bring him here; and nobody expects that he will come to see another play that he has written, "The Blue Comet," to be produced shortly, also at the Court Theatre.

Famous Journalist Dead.

Many of the older generation of journalists have heard with regret of the death of Sir William Thomas Madge, at Putney, at age of 81. He began his career as a bank clerk in Plymouth, but soon changed banking for journalism and joined the *Western Morning News*. In 1866 he came to London on the staff of the *Globe*, the oldest evening paper, which is now defunct, being for forty years manager and for some time proprietor. He had forgotten more about newspaper management than most of his latter-day contemporaries ever learned. At one time I used to see a good deal of him—a pleasant, reserved, mild-mannered little man, who never got flustered, and had a keen sense of the value of news, and also a high appreciation of good writing. He was created a baronet in 1919.

In his time he brought off several notable "scoops." One was the publication on May 30th, 1878, of the terms of the Schouvaloff treaty between Great Britain and Russia, the existence of which had been officially denied. In conjunction with the late Sir George Armstrong, his colleague on the *Globe*, Mr. Madge determined to establish a popular weekly organ for the propagation of Conservative principles, and in October, 1881, the first number of the *People* was issued. He prided himself on having secured the confession of the Tichborne claimant and the news of Mrs. Maybrick's reprieve. He was also the first to realise that the first two "Jack the Ripper" murders in East London were committed by the same man.—H.B.

(*Continued on next column*).

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WILL OF VISCOUNT BEARSTED.

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Viscount Bearsted, the oil king and former Lord Mayor of London, has left a fortune of £4,000,000, "as far as can at present be ascertained."

Probate of the will has been granted to the Alliance Assurance Company, Ltd., who are appointed sole executors.

There are no charitable bequests, Lord Bearsted stating that during his lifetime he made gifts to such societies and institutions. This disposes of the rumour that Lord Bearsted had provided for the rebuilding of the Guildhall.

Heirlooms.

The chain given him when he was Lord Mayor in 1902 and certain jewellery and presentation plate are to be handed down as heirlooms.

Annuities and legacies are left to relatives and servants, and the remainder of the estate is given to or settled in trust for the children and grandchildren of the testator, the present Viscount Bearsted, the Hon. Mrs. Levy, and the Hon. Mrs. Montefiore and their children.

Viscount Bearsted, who was seventy-three years old, died on January 17th, twenty-four hours after his wife. He founded and was for many years chairman of the Shell Transport and Trading Co.

Death duties on a £4,000,000 estate amount to £1,600,000.

"LADIES' NIGHT."

ANOTHER PLEASANT GATHERING AT THE Y.M.C.A.

Another of the popular "Ladies' Nights" held once a month during the winter season at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, took place there last evening.

Ladies who were the guests of resident members attended dinner, prior to the entertainment which followed in the Lounge. There were about one hundred members and friends at dinner, and at the entertainment at least one hundred and fifty.

The programme given was well up to standard, and, if anything, was even better than those previously presented. There was a lengthy list of items and all were appreciated.

Those contributing to the programme were Mrs. Glen, Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, Mr. J. W. Baldwin, Mr. C. D. Lake and Mr. F. White (vocal items), Mr. R. Baldwin (pianoforte contributions) and Engineer-Lieutenant A. S. Bedells. Selections were also provided during the evening by the Ubique Orchestra, and the programme was concluded with the usual amusing competition, which the popular Secretary, Mr. J. H. Hunt, always arranges on these occasions.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.

Annual meeting Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

Extraordinary general meetings, Union Insurance Society of Canton; British Traders Insurance Co.; and China Fire Insurance Co., Union Building, at noon, 12.15 p.m. and 12.30 p.m. respectively.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Hotel Savoy tea dansant, 4.30 p.m

Tennis: (Open Championship Singles First Round), D. S. Green *v.* F. A. Redmond; N. Trambitzky *v.* Capt. E. H. Jack-Larkcom; F. R. Remedios *v.* W. J. Howard; Lau Man Kwong *v.* H. R. Edwards.

Organ recital, St. John's Cathedral, by Mr. F. Mason, 5.45 p.m.

H.M.S. *Danae* Dance Band concert, Seamen's Institute.

Mr. S. R. Lee's dance party, Hotel Savoy, 9 p.m.

Masked Ball, City Hall, 9 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Beverley of Graustark."

World Theatre: "Wild Horse Mesa."

Star Theatre: "The Shock Punch."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *vid* Siberia (*Mantua*). Outward: Australia and New Zealand, etc. (*Tanda*), 2.30 p.m.

Saturday.

Annual Race Meeting concluded.

Football and Cricket: Details in Saturday's issue.

Yachting: Menagerie Race for Racing Yachts.

Golf: Captain's Cup.

Annual meeting Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Hotel Savoy tea dansant, 4.30 p.m.

H.K. Hotel Carnival Night and dinner dance.

Rationalist Press Association Dinner, Hotel Savoy, 8 p.m.

Boxing: 6th Tournament of the H.K. Boxing Association, Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

Chin Woo Athletic Association annual entertainment.

Queen's Theatre: "Beverley of Graustark."

World Theatre: "Wild Horse Mesa."

Star Theatre: "The Shock Punch."

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe *vid* Marseilles (*Mantua*), 10.30 a.m.; Europe *vid* Siberia (*Sinkiang*), 2.30 p.m.

Sunday.

Fanling Hunt meet Souza's Bungalow, 9.30 a.m.

Ordination of Rev. James Fu, St. John's Cathedral, noon.

Entries close for Kowloon Cricket Club Tennis Tournament.

Yachting: Club *v.* Ladies.

Golf: Captain's Cup.

Chin Woo Athletic Association annual entertainment.

Social gathering, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 7 p.m., Service men specially welcome.

Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., etc. (*President Grant*).

Monday.

Golf: Captain's Cup.

Annual meeting Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd., noon.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Hotel Savoy tea dansant, 4.30 p.m.

Annual Marathon Race, Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.

Annual meeting Victoria Diocesan Association (H.K. Branch), Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

H.M.S. *Hermes* Ball, Hotel Savoy, 9 p.m.

Tuesday.

Sanitary Board meeting, 4.15 p.m.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Hotel Savoy tea dansant, 4.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Hotel Savoy tea dansant, 4.30 p.m.

M.C.L. Concert, Helena May Institute, 8.30 p.m.

K.B.S.F.P.A. dance, Central British School, Kowloon.

Principal Mails:—Inward: Canada, and America, etc., Europe *vid* Vancouver and *vid* Siberia (*Empress of Asia*), 10 a.m.

Thursday.

Annual Flower and Vegetable Show, Volunteer Headquarters. Prizes distributed by Lady Clementi, 5.30 p.m.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Hotel Savoy tea dansant, 4.30 p.m.

Musicale Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

To Secretaries.

[Secretaries of clubs and associations, etc., are kindly requested to forward any forthcoming events to the *Daily Press* for inclusion in the above column, which it is our endeavour to keep as correct and up-to-date as possible.]

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HOW SUN WAS DEFEATED.

THE USUAL TREACHERY.

BEI BAO SAN "NEUTRAL" AT CRITICAL MOMENT.

The unexpected defection of Bei Bao San, according to trustworthy information was the cause of Marshal Sun's defeat in Chekiang, says the *North-China Daily News*.

Marshal Sun Chuan Fang's defeat was not the result of bad fighting, according to a military expert, who has been watching the armies in the field, but again he was faced by the fact that treacherous generals rob him of victory at the moment when he seems most certain of himself. In the fighting against the Chekiang Provincial Autonomy troops and the Nationalist Army coming from Kiangsi, Marshal Sun was altogether successful. He never faced that part of the Nationalist Army which is coming from Fukien.

General Bei Bao San, upon whom Marshal Sun depended to protect his main attacking force, actually worked his way in the rear of the Nationalists and occupied Chuchow. Local reports that General Bei did not reach Chuchow are erroneous. At that moment, when Marshal Sun expected him to attack and crush the enemy's rear, giving General Meng Chow Yu a free hand to smash their centre, General Bei declared that he was neutral and marched his army into Anhui.

At any rate, that is what he is said to have done and until General Bei is heard from no other explanation for his astonishing conduct is possible.

The Old Peiyang Politics.

General Bei Bao San, Defence Commissioner at Haichow, was originally a follower of Chang Hsun. Like so many other Chang Hsun men, he fell into the camp of Feng Kuo Chang and eventually became subordinated to Li Hsun and Chi Hsieh Yuan, when they were Tuchuns at Nanking. His affiliations then have always been with the Peiyang Military Party and he must, therefore, at heart, be at variance with Fengtien. Whenever the Peiyang Military Party, for one reason or another, allies itself to Fengtien, there is the possibility of treachery.

Marshal Sun Chuan Fang does not beyond to the Peiyang nor even to the Chihli branch of that party of which General Bei Bao San is a member. He is a member of no group, having won his way to the top by sheer hard fighting. To keep the support of Peiyang men, he has paid them well.

Marshal Sun's position is that he has 60,000 men left, most of whom are fairly good soldiers, but his officers are not worth much. He is short in leadership, both military and civilian. He can make a stand at Sungkiang and Huchow and can hold both positions for a very long time, as did General Lu Yung Hsiang in 1924, but he must use every available man and must, therefore, leave Nanking undefended.

The danger to him would be that Nanking might be invaded either by the South or by some of these Chihli generals who are looking for a place. He has, therefore, arranged with Marshal Chang Tsung Chang to despatch 20,000 troops to hold Nanking for him. He is said to be paying Marshal Chang approximately $600,000 a month to hold northern Kiangsu, Nanking and part of Anhui and Marshal Chang is not interfering with civil affairs or tax collections in this area.

In addition, Marshal Sun has invited General Lu Kuo Shan, the best general he ever had, to leave his retirement in Tientsin and to return to Nanking to help him reorganize his army. General Lu has returned to Nanking and is reorganizing four divisions to defend Kiangsu province.

The defence is now to be completely co-ordinated with Marshal Chang Tso Lin's in Honan. Marshal Chang Chung Chang's troops are expected to take Kaifeng within a few days and to make themselves masters of Honan. As there is absolute co-operation between Marshal Sun and the Fengchun, it is not likely that any treachery will come from that direction.

WU ADMITS HIS HELPLESSNESS.

ADVISES SUSPENSION OF ADVANCE INTO HONAN.

CHANG REFUSES.

PEKING, Feb. 21st.

Indirect admission that he is helpless in the hands of his subordinates is made by Marshal Wu Pei Fu in a recent telegram to Marshal Chang Tso Lin. The Chihli leader says:

"To Marshal Chang: Your two messages have been noted. You did not advise me beforehand of the advance of your troops into Honan. Although I had repeatedly advised my men to avoid clashes, but such are inevitable as they are in a state of panic. I can take a charitable view of your act, but at the same time I must admit that I am in an extremely difficult position.

During the past few months you have advanced the view that your troops must pass through Honan in order to launch an attack on Hupeh. I have not been able to accept this proposal, though strongly pressed many times, because it is difficult to move my 100,000 men from various points along the Peking-Hankow Railway. However, I did attempt a reorganization of my army which cost me more expenses than I could bear. This I trust you know very well.

The troops in Honan are of the most hetrogeneous character. They do not listen to my orders. Indeed, if they did, they must have recaptured Wuhan long ago. Now that your troops are advancing South, I am really at a loss to command them to take the same attitude as I do. Regardless of the question of territory. I must say that those troops depend upon me for their existence.

It is difficult to avoid trouble if sufficient time is not allowed me to tackle this question. If force is used, it is feared that before your army reaches Hupeh misfortune already befalls Honan. This will be disastrous to the general situation.

We have been allied in the anti-Red cause for a year and a half and should not allow one step to wreck the uncompleted work. This is why I speak to you so plainly. I again advise you to suspend the movements of your troops pending definite arrangements being reached. My delegates, Pi, is coming to the capital.—Signed Wu Pei Fu.

Marshal Chang already has replied to the above telegram, saying that he cannot halt the advance of his army.—*Kuo Wen.*

(*Continued on next column.*)

GENERAL DUNCAN AT SHANGHAI.

INSPECTION OF BRITISH LINE.

AIR FORCE ARM ON BOARD "MEGANTIC."

On Saturday evening the transport *Megantic* arrived in Shanghai, berthing at the Hongkew Wharf, says the *North China Daily News* of last Monday. Aboard of her were Major-General Duncan, C.B., C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O., the Commander of the Shanghai Defence Force, his General Staff Officer No. 1, Colonel Viscount Gort, V.C., D.S.O., M.V.O., M.C., and his General Staff Officer No. 2, Major the Hon. P. G. Scarlett, M.C. In addition there were two infantry battalions, the 1st Battalion of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment and the 2nd Battalion of the Border Regiment.

While Major-General Duncan took up his residence at the Astor House Hotel, the other members of the staff remained aboard the transport, and there at 8.30 yesterday morning General Duncan held a conference with the Colonel-Commandant and staff of the Jhansi Brigade. Immediately following this General Duncan proceeded to the western district and made an inspection of the line of defence taken up by the Jhansi Brigade.

It has not yet been announced where the headquarters of the Defence Force will be situated.

The New Battalions.

Again a tremendous amount of interest was taken by the populace of the Settlement in the arrival of the two new English battalions, and there was a great hope on the part of many that they would be seen marching through the streets. As a matter of fact the billets for these troops are not yet in readiness for occupation, and for the time being they will remain aboard ship. This morning (Monday last) they will have a route march through the Settlement, probably between 10 and 12 o'clock, thereafter returning aboard.

With reference to the report that after landing the headquarters of the Defence Force the *Megantic* would return to Hong Kong with the battalions for disembarkation there, we learn that nothing of the kind is contemplated, and that as soon as possible accommodation will be found for these men in Shanghai. Aboard the *Megantic* is also a detachment of the Fleet Air Arm.

The Hongkew wharf presented an extraordinarily interesting sight, hundreds of foreign men, women and children proceeding thither to see the troops. The usual business between the hawkers and the soldiers went on, and a brisk trade was done with the foreign populace who purchased tins of cigarettes which were shied up to the men on deck. All were in excellent spirits and obviously intensely pleased with the reception accorded to them.

MARSHALS SUN AND CHANG TSUNG CHANG CONFER.

UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN FROM NANKING.

BOTH SIDES DIGGING IN AT SUNGKIANG.

Marshal Sun Chuan Fang and Marshal Chang Tsung Chang arrived in Shanghai early yesterday morning, travelling from Nanking together by train in perfect amity, says the *N.-C. Daily News* of February 28th.

The train on which the generals travelled proceeded at the slow rate of between 10 and 15 miles an hour, a precaution adopted because of threats of Kuomintang men that they would endeavour to wreck the train by the removal of fishplates and rails. The passenger service was also obliged to travel at the same rate.

Marshal Sun is reported to have applied for permission from the Municipal Authorities to enter the International Settlement for the purpose of going to his own residence. We understood that the permission will be granted him. He is, however, remaining at Lunghua, whereas Marshal Chang Tsung Chang has taken up his residence in Bubbling well Road.

Russian Armoured Trained.

Information reached Shanghai on February 27th afternoon that the Russian-manned armoured train belonging to Marshal Chang was being put across the Yangtsze to run on the lines in Kiangsu.

Large quantities of ammunition are being moved over from the Shanghai-Nanking Railway to the Hangchow line, but no troops have moved southward by rail except Marshal Chang Tsung Chang's bodyguard, and they are now stationed at Lunghua.

Observers express the opinion that if the Southerners desire to continue fighting they will go northward west of the Taihu Lake, over the traditional route by Ihsing. East of the lake the whole country is under water as the result of the last week or so's heavy rains, and the only means of moving troops is by rail or along the track.

At Sungkiang both sides are digging in, indicating no present intention on either side to make much of a move.

Estimate of the Forces.

A full day was spent by both Marshals at Sungkiang reviewing the troops. It is impossible to get an exact estimate of the numbers of these. But, by the best available information, Marshal Sun has about 35,000 men in the Sungkiang sector, about 5,000 in Shanghai and Woosung under the command of Li Pao Chang, the Defence Commissioner, and a number of recruits, apart from his personal bodyguard consisting of 500 men. Marshal Chang brought with him 1,000 men, 200 of whom were Russians and 300 his bodyguard, whilst General Pih Shou Chen is said to have 12,000 distributed in the district, in addition to another 8,000 posted along the Shanghai-Nanking Railway line, all ready to be brought to Shanghai whenever their services are required. General Chow Yen Jen, former Tupan of Fukien, commands 2,000 men, who are stationed at Minghong.

Attempt to Derail Train.

An attempt was made to derail the train bringing the two Marshals but this was discovered in good time and when the Marshals' train arrived at the spot the necessary repairs had been made. The spikes holding down the rails at a point near Hunnglin and Changchow had been moved.

Bridge 31 of the Shanghai-Hangchow Line was blown up by the retreating Allied troops on Friday morning and a section of the track was torn up. Why this was done is not known as very little rolling stock is held by the Southern Army under General Ho Ying Ching. To make things worse, the telegraph and telephone wires have also been cut near Kashai.

Although the train service to Hangchow is entirely suspended, the Nanking Railway is running, as nearly as possible, a normal service.

Several assaults on railway employees by troops of both the Allied and Shantung armies have been reported—one at Chinkiang, another at Nanking and two in Shanghai.

General Li Pao Chang, the Commissioner of Defence, has issued orders forbidding all steamers, irrespective of nationality, to enter the port after 6 p.m. unless they have first obtained from him a "Tungkuocheng" (special port entry pass). He announces that he will not hold himself responsible for any damage sustained by shippers who fail to observe this notice.

Numerous refugees continue to pour into the Settlement from the outlying districts, Nantao, Chapei, the City, Kaochangmiao Arsenal, Siccawei, etc., and a number of merchants have actually closed their shops for fear of looting. The authorities have assured them by proclamation that there is no need to fear.



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East Asia Bank	$74 sel.
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Ewo Cottons	Tls. 8½ sel.
Orientals	Tls. 2½ nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	Tls. 54 buy.
Do. (new)	Tls. 27 buy.
China Buses	Tls. 9½ nom.
H.K. Tramways	$21½ buy.
Peak Trams (old)	$15½ buy.
Do. (new)	$8½ buy.
Singapore Tractions	15/- sel.
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Do. (new)	$7½ buy.
China Providents	$4.65 sel.
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Dairy Farms	$17½ nom.
Der A Wings	$6 nom.
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EXCHANGE.

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ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	134
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Lunas	4.10
Malaka Pindas	2.70
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New Serendahs	5.20
Pajams	2.90
Sandycrofts	3.15

The following dividends have been declared, viz:—
Ulu Benut, 12 per cent. Final.
Perak Rivers 10 per cent. Interim.

TO-NIGHT'S ORGAN RECITAL.

AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL BY MR. FREDERICK MASON.

This evening, at 5.45, the third of the series of recitals which have been on behalf of the newly constructed organ fund, will be given at St. John's Cathedral by Mr. Frederick Mason, the Cathedral Organist.

Again a very attractive programme, and one which will please all music lovers, has been compiled.

During the singing of a hymn, mid-way through the programme, a collection will be taken for the Organ Fund.

The programme which will be presented is as under:—

1.—Andantino in G Minor
César Franck.
A slight but very effective piece, consisting of a plaintive melody, a contrasted section in the tonic major, and a recapitulation.

2.—Allegro Risoluto
Gustav Merkel.
Gustav Merkel (born 1827, died 1885), was Court Organist at Dresden up to the time of his death. The movement to be played is from his Sonata No. 5, in D.

3.—Spring Song
"From the South,"
Lemare.
A pleasant little piece, in which the lighter stops of the Organ are shewn to advantage.

4.—Le Cygne Saint-Saëns.
This is, perhaps, the most popular instrumental composition of this Composer. Its popularity is easily understood when we examine its graceful melody, with the well-constrasted semiquaver accompaniment, and observe the well-devised sequence of the harmonic combinations.

5.—Tone-Poem—"Finlandia"
Sibelius.
Another familiar composition, which has attained a wonderful popularity and needs little comment. It seems to be the outpouring of the life and feelings of a nation, and the mind of the listener is quick to respond to this human touch. The middle theme, almost like a folk-song in character, is a perfect specimen of pure melody.

6.—Rhapsody, No. 2, in D Minor
Alec Rowley.
An attractive work by a British composer of the modern school. The movement is full of changing moods and the various ideas portrayed, though brief, are always musical.

7.—(a) The Holy Boy
John Ireland.
(b) Alpine Sketch...Cyril Scott.
(a) This beautiful movement proves even more acceptable upon the organ than upon the piano, for which it was originally written.
(b) A dainty, descriptive fragment, as its title implies.

8.—Finale, En Forme D'Ouverture
Hollins.
A well-written work, bright and vigorous.

LAWN TENNIS.

UNITED SERVICES "AT HOME."

MRS. LUARD GIVES AWAY PRIZES.

The annual "At Home" of the United Services Recreation Club was held yesterday on the grounds of the Club at Gun Club Hill, Kowloon. In spite of the dull weather many member and ladies were present and an enjoyable time was spent. Tea and refreshments were served during the afternoon and the band of 5/2nd Punjabis rendered selections.

Four finals were played off and some good tennis was witnessed.

The most interesting match was the one between Mrs. Tottenham Miss Robinson, champion and runner-up respectively of the Open Singles Championship of the Colony for Ladies, in the Club's Open Ladies' Championship. Miss Robinson was in form yesterday and seemed to have improved her game since she lost to Mrs. Tottenham last January. She won the first set, but Mrs. Tottenham's court-craft then began to tell and she won the following two sets.

In the Mixed Doubles Mr. and Mrs. Tottenham, who were the winners last year, defeated Miss Robinson and Mr. A. B. Raworth in straight sets.

The closest match of the day was the Open Doubles Championship for Ladies in which Mrs. Tottenham and Mrs. Grimble were opposed to Mrs. Miles and Miss Robinson. Mrs. Miles and Miss Robinson won by two sets to one after no less than 37 games had been played.

The Ladies' Singles Handicap was won by Mrs. Miles who defeated Miss Tyrwhitt, daughter of the Admiral, by two sets to one.

The final of the Ladies' Doubles Handicap was unfinished, rain stopping play after the first set.

At the end Mrs. Luard distributed the prizes to the successful competitors.

The following were the results:

Open Singles Championship for Ladies:—Mrs. Tottenham beat Miss Robinson, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3.

Open Doubles Championship for Ladies:—Mrs. Tottenham and Mrs. Grimble beat Mrs. Miles and Miss Robinson, 5-7, 9-7, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles Championship:—Mr. and Mrs. Tottenham beat Miss Robinson and Mr. Raworth, 6-4, 6-4.

Ladies' Singles Handicap:—Mrs. Miles beat Miss Tyrwhitt, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

Rain Interrupts Opening Matches.

The start was made yesterday in the annual tournament of the Hong Kong Cricket Club. Two open singles matches were begun, but the rain stopped play.

E. C. Fincher and M. K. Lo had divided two sets when play was stopped. Lo took the first set without the loss of a game, but Fincher retaliated and won the second 6-2.

In the other match, Grose lost the first set to Hung Huai Chen and four games were shared in the second set when play was stopped. Both match will be replayed.

Player Scratches.

C. W. Cheng, one of the youngest Chinese players, has given a walk over to Iu Tak Lam, his Club mate, in the first round.

To-day's Matches.

Weather conditions are not likely to be favourable for tennis to-day, the the weather forecast states: "Cloudy, with mist or drizzle."

Should the weather prove kind, the matches arranged are as under:

Open Championship Singles.

First Round.

D. S. Green *v.* F. A. Redmond.
N. Trambitzky *v.* Capt. E. H. Jack-Larkcom.
F. R. Remedios *v.* W. J. Howard.
Lau Man Kwong *v.* H. R. Edwards.

CRICKET NOTES.

After three days of the Races, with the excitement and hopes engendered in most of us by the chances in the Sport of Kings, it is somewhat refreshing to return to the contemplation of the sport of ordinary people. I cannot, however, omit a reference to the great pleasure which all cricketers have received owing to the recent success of Mr. Dynasty in winning the Champions. He brings to aid him in the difficult job of ownership that sportsmanship and cheerful acceptance of bad luck with which we are so well acquainted on the cricket field, and there is not one of us who does not wish as many wins to the owner of the red and gold colours as future centuries.

To all intents and purposes the interest in the First Division of the League ended last Saturday. The victory of Kowloon and the draw between the Civil Service and the Borderers have more or less decided the issue, short of miracles happening.

Last Week's Matches.

Kowloon won on their merits. They started atrociously, as Brace was caught at the wicket from a poor stroke off the first ball of the match while E. F. Fincher was bowled neck and crop with the second. Ramsay ran himself out, I gather, shortly after but Goodwin, after a life improved things with Lyal who had kept up the other end and finally got a nice 43.

Macaskill, however, I am told gave the best exhibition, hitting the ball very hard and very cleanly. The only reason I can find for the utter collapse of the Indian batting is that they have not played a League game for some time and must have lost their grip! Lyal and Goodwin bowled excellently but that is no excuse for such a total lack of fight. But apparently the Kowloon lions to whom I referred last week were in a particularly leonine mood.

The C.S. and K.O.S.B. match was rather unsatisfactory as it did not begin until 2.30 p.m. I understand, however, that some of the visitors did not finish their duties until 2 p.m. and in these days it can't be helped. Even so, the Civil Service should have won. They rattled up 208 for 4 wickets in an hour and a half. Sayer, apart from an easy chance early on, for c and b, played yet another beautiful innings and but for lack of time would have no doubt completed his century,—and then some! Evans, however, was right to declare.

First Wicket Stand.

Thorp and Hanley saved their side. They played really good cricket and were not separated until nearly one hundred runs were on the board, both of them hitting the ball well in the middle of the bat. Each gave one chance only. With 35 or so on the board, Thorp gave a chance at the wicket off Hamilton, but it was very hard as the ball was deflected downwards. While Hanley in the seventies drove Sayer hard and low to Hamilton at mid-on, but the fieldsman failed to realize how fast it was and dropped the catch. Even so it was touch and go, but the last two batsmen defended gamely in the semi-darkness. It is, I think, as well that there was no decision for the light was absurd. But no one liked to appeal as there was quite a chance of the batsmen getting the runs.

Beatty In Form.

As I anticipated the Navy were far too strong for the Chinese as Beatty had one of his "on" days. This seems to be becoming a habit with him now, and he is bowling every bit as well as he did when he first came out.

The University at home had not much difficult in disposing of the Gunners, but they have not had a very good season. But there is talent coming on and we have not seen the best of Gittens and the Zimmerns. I do wish, however, they could get a bit more match practice on grass wickets.

Second League.

The K.C.C. II. *v.* Recreio match was off, and the only game played was a friendly between the Police and *Tamar* which was won by the former by 2 wickets.

The match upon the Club ground was only an inter-club game as the Sappers could not get away to play. It was remarkable for extremely low scoring. At one time Vallack had the surprising analysis of 7 overs, six maidens, six wickets and one run. And that same run was a chance albeit difficult. He has improved remarkably this year and I am inclined to regard him as a candidate for Interport honours in the next match. It appears, however, at the present a bit doubtful if a team will be able to go up to Shanghai this May, as presumably would be the case under normal conditions.

Mid-Week Cricket.

Cricket enthusiasts, who do not hanker after the delights of racing took advantage of the (I believe entirely unofficial) holidays which we in Hong Kong always take on Race days. On Monday the Volunteers met a team of the Rest of the League. It was a strong enough team, though not entirely representative, but it was not good enough. The Volunteers apparently had a sort of holding feeling and rattled up 240 for five, Mitchell (79), Owen Hughes (87) and Ramsay (41 not out) being chief scorers. The Combined League were all out for 81. Five bowlers were tried and bowled 40 overs so the rate of scoring was pretty slow!

On Tuesday it was the other way about and the Volunteers were all out for 84—of which Ramsay got 41—against a total of 167 by Rumjahn's side. The Club de Recreio kindly lent their ground for the occasion.

On Wednesday the pendulum had swung again and the Volunteers simply ate up a very useful United Services side, making 175 for 5 wickets. The Services had batted first and scored 46, the innings closing for 9 wickets as Captain Thorp was unable to get away in time. In their second innings they ran into Vallack at his best, and only got to 78. Vallack's analysis is worth reproducing:—

Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
14	5	18	9

a very fine performance.

(*Continued on next Column*).

To-morrow's Games.

C.R.C. are at home to the Hong Kong Club though perhaps the fixture was played off at the beginning of the eason. When the Club were beaten on the Saturday that Kowloon played the Shanghai eleven. As to-morrow is the off day of the races this is very possible and I hope to check this before these notes finally go to press.

I frankly don't understand the card. Kowloon are down as at home to the Gunners. Actually they are due for a friendly with the Club, though I hear that efforts are being made to re-arrange the game with the Gunners.

Second Division.

The K.C.C. *v.* Ordnance game is off, I am told, as the latter cannot get away. I don't wonder! They and the Sappers must have their hands pretty full. The 'Varsity are at home to the Police by the card and on their own wicket the game should be a very close one.

C.S.C.C. have a friendly with the Indians, both first and second teams. C.S.C.C. first play away and the second at home but the former team will possibly not be up to full strength.

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Later.—I fined that the Club *v.* C.R.C. match early in the season was a league match and the card is in error both as regards this and as regards the K.C.C. and R.A. match. On the revised fixture list on the Club board they are down to play Kowloon to-morrow in a friendly.

R. ABBIT.

TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

I.R.C. 2nd *v.* Civil Service.

This League match will be played on the Civil Service ground at 2 p.m.

I.R.C.:—Sirdar Khan (capt.), J. S. Ackber, M. P. Madar, S. A. R. Ismail, V. T. Mans, A. S. Ismail, A. K. Minu, A. R. Minu, I. Hassan, A. S. Suffiad, and H. D. Rumjahn.

Civil Service:—J. H. B. Nihill (capt.), H. F. Harper, R. S. W. Paterson, R. C. Witchell, H. F. Westlake, A. R. Sutherland, H. E. Strange, R. R. Davies, C. Sara. Reserves: P. P. O'Neill and T. W. Carr.

Civil Service *v.* I.R.C.

The game will be played on the Indian ground at 2 p.m. to-morrow.

Civil Service:—B. D. Evans (captain), G. R. Sayer, A. E. Wood, E. C. Fincher, F. Baker, R. Jones, F. J. de Rome, F. J. Ling, F. E. Lawrence, F. H. Holdman and A. N. Other.

LOCAL RUGBY FOOTBALL.

FIRST MATCH PLAYED LAST EVENING.

Yesterday evening, the first of the series of weekly rugby matches, arranged by the Hong Kong Rugby Football Club, was played at Happy Valley.

The game was between the Club and the Engine Room Artificers of the Fleet, and resulted, after a very keenly contested game on a slippery ground, in a win for the Club by 12 points to 11 points.

Rothwell (3) and Evans (1) scored for the Navy, and Lammert scored all the tries for the Club.

The teams were as under:—

Club: Armstrong; Pritchard, Bowker, Lloyd, Lammert; King, Wales; Millar, Foster, Lithgow Smith, Middleton Smith, Garrard, Lee, Williams, Beveridge.

E.R.A.: Reppington, Rothwell, Arches, Gales, and Kibblewhite; Northwood and Duckworth; Davies, McTaggart, Macdonald, Mill, Stobart, Hathaway, Evans, and Billings.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE MATCH RESULTS.

LONDON, March 2nd.

Matches played yesterday in the English and Scottish Leagues resulted as follows:—

Division I.
Everton 2, Wednesday 1.

Division II.
South Shields 3, Bradford C. 3.

Division III. (Southern).
Bournemouth 1, Brighton 0.

(Division III. (Northern).
Wrexham 2, Wigan 0.

Scottish League.
Dundee Un. 1, Hamilton 2.

TO-MORROW'S RACES.

THE HANDICAPS.

The following are the handicaps for the races to-morrow (Saturday):—

The Tytam Handicap.

Smoke Call	150 lbs.
Fire Call	152 ,,
Pottenbush	153 ,,
Bashak	146 ,,
Borderer	155 ,,
Yorks	153 ,,
Tangle	167 ,,
Lochaber	145 ,,
Loch Tummel	155 ,,
King Alan	160 ,,
Solstice Eve	152 ,,
Festive Eve	155 ,,
The Grig	150 ,,
Kom Tong Hall	167 ,,
Tit Mouse	146 ,,
White Mouse	155 ,,
Sugar Loaf	152 ,,
Skidoo	167 ,,
Scooter	155 ,,
Pearl River II.	153 ,,
Min River	152 ,,
Foxtrot	149 ,,
Grosvenor	151 ,,
Perversity	155 ,,
Circe	155 ,,
Bagheera	150 ,,
Kwong Chow	146 ,,
Darno	149 ,,
Bing Boy	153 ,,
Mountain Fox	153 ,,
The George and Vulture	146 ,,
Salt Cellar	148 ,,

The Hong Kong Handicap "A" Class.

Brigade Call	164 lbs.
San Francisco Bay	173 ,,
Elliot Bay	173 ,,
Chesapeake Bay	173 ,,
San Diego	152 ,,
King of England	164 ,,
King of the Plains	152 ,,
Battle Eve	164 ,,
Misty Eve	170 ,,
Bengal	164 ,,
The Gomeril	161 ,,
The Gnome	143 ,,
The Geezer	152 ,,
Sunburst Rose	155 ,,
Attaboy	164 ,,
Demon Boy	143 ,,
September	146 ,,
Ukelele	152 ,,
Canadian	167 ,,
Grande del Norte	155 ,,
Saucy Sue	158 ,,

The Hong Kong Handicap "B" Class.

Grey Knight	155 lbs.
Grey Streak	149 ,,
Bill Brewer	155 ,,
More Better	143 ,,
Rechabite	146 ,,
Loch Rannoch	146 ,,
Total Abstinence	158 ,,
Grey Morn	158 ,,
Spotted Sand	155 ,,
Bright Eve	160 ,,
The Ghost	161 ,,
The Ghoul	158 ,,
Laceda II.	158 ,,
August	146 ,,
Dobbin	155 ,,
Dolly	155 ,,
Foxtrot	146 ,,
Mowgli	149 ,,
Lady Luck	155 ,,
Olo Custom	158 ,,
Southampton	152 ,,
Espoir	162 ,,
Saracen	152 ,,
Salvo	143 ,,
Semaphore	143 ,,

GYPSIES WIN CHINESE CLUB DERBY.

A REAL LIFE ROMANCE.

The troupe of Argentine gypsies, now in the Colony, who were given fourteen days' grace before expulsion from the Colony, have won the second prize of the Chinese Club Derby Sweep, totalling $28,000.

THE KOWLOON MARATHON.

NINETY ENTRIES FOR MONDAY'S RACE.

NEARLY ALL SERVICE COMPETITORS; ONLY TWO CIVILIANS.

The seventh annual Kowloon Marathon Race under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Young Men's Club is to be held, as previously mentioned, on Monday afternoon, a start being made from outside the Church Hall, Nathan Road, at 4.30 sharp.

The Committee was confronted with a record entry of well nigh ninety, the majority coming from the Borderers' and quite a large number from H.M. ships.

The only civilians are Mr. Middleton-Smith, Jr., and Mr. Charles Figuerido.

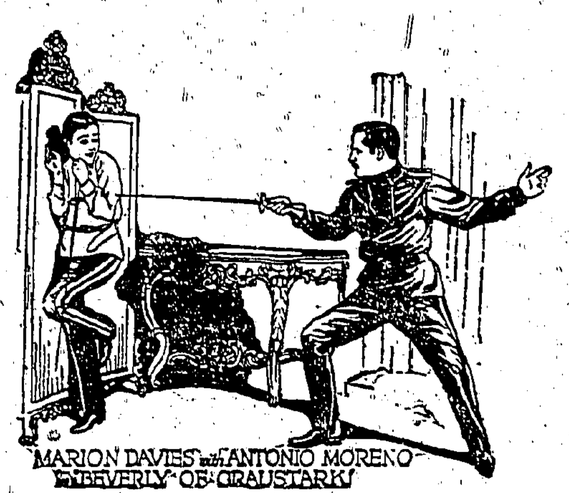
Owing to the large number of entries the Committee asks all competitors be at the St. Andrew's Church Hall by 4 p.m.

In previous years only three silver prizes were offered, but with so many entries the Committee is giving prizes for the 4th and 5th men home.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.

THE HOLDER WINS THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

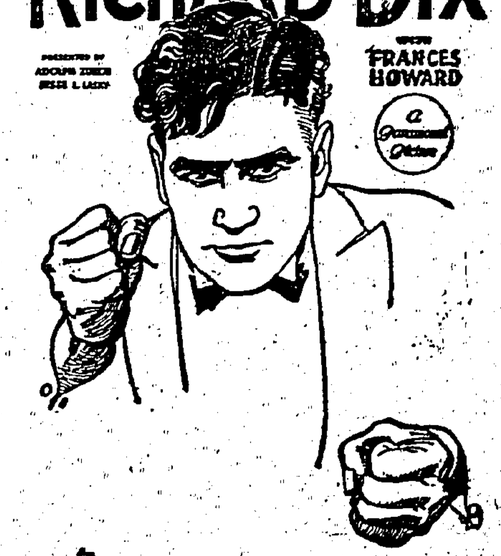
In the final of the Kowloon Golf Club Championship, over 36 holes, F. E. Remedios, the holder, beat K. S. Robertson by 4 up and 3 to play

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"SEND-OFF" TO MR. A. H. FERGUSON.

LARGE DINNER PARTY AT HONG KONG HOTEL.

LEADERS OF CHINESE COMMUNITY AS HOSTS.

A REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING.

Mr. A. H. Ferguson, the manager in Hong Kong of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, who is leaving for a year's furlough on Wednesday next, was entertained to a farewell dinner by the leading members of the Chinese community at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel last evening.

Mr. Ferguson is returning home *vid* American and is sailing by the *Empress of Asia*. He expects to be back in Hong Kong about this time next year.

The Hosts.

The hosts at the dinner were the members of the Committee of the 24 Merchants Guild and their friends. Sir Robert Ho Tung presided and supporting him were the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, the Chinese representatives on the Legislative Council; Mr. Li Yau Chuen, the Chairman, and Mr. Li Kwai, the ex-Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Ho Kwong, the Chairman of the 24 Merchants Guild; Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. Lo Cheung Shiu, Mr. Ho Kom Tong, Mr. Chan Tin San, Mr. Ho Ki, Mr. Ho Wing, Mr. Ho Leung, Mr. Ho Iu, Mr. To Sze Tuen, Mr. Li Lik Mui, Mr. Yung Tse Ming and many others. The gathering was a representative one of the bankers, rice merchants and principal Chinese business firms in the Colony.

The Guests.

Among the guests invited, in addition to the guest of honour, Mr. A. H. Ferguson, were the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, the Attorney-General; the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs; Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education; Lt.-Col. Hayley-Bell, Commissioner of Chinese Maritime Customs; Mr. R. C. Tredwell, American Consul-General; Mr. J. R. George, who will act as Manager of the Chartered Bank in Mr. Ferguson's absence; Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. Paul Lauder, Mr. C. L. Sandes, Mr. G. Hogg, Mr. L. E. Hopkins, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. T. G. Weall, Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. P. W. Parker, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mr. A. Cameron, Mr. E. D. Sassoon and Mr. H. H. Priestley.

The Toast Of The Evening.

The Chairman proposed the health of Mr. Ferguson.

Forty years business association with the Chartered Bank, said Sir Robert Ho Tung, and close friendship with some of those who have directed its destinies in Hong Kong no doubt account for the pressing invitation which I received to preside at this happy function this evening. It gives me much pleasure to accept this invitation and to associate myself with the Chinese merchants and native bankers of Hong Kong, as represented by their important and expansive interests in this Colony, to do honour to our guest this evening. That such a representative association of leading Chinese business men in Hong Kong should desire to testify to the business integrity and the commercial ability of our Guest of Honour, is in itself, I should imagine, a great and coveted testimonial which any business or commercial man would desire to take away with him upon leaving the Colony.

We are hearing in these days a great deal of the estrangement between the Chinese and the British. How far there is any fundamental difference, I leave to the good sense of the large number gathered here to-night to answer for me. Speaking for myself, I can only come to one conclusion, that this estrangement and this difference is but superficial and transitory. I am convinced, moreover, that when the present gap is bridged over, the old friendship and trust will be restored to the greater advantage of both. (Applause.)

Mr. Ferguson has studiously avoided the sphere of politics during his residence and association with business affairs in the Far East. There is probably a great deal of wisdom in his standing off from the political arena, tempting as its invitation might be, for, in the magnitude of and the responsibility involved in the undertaking placed in his charge, in a Bank of the standing and importance of the Chartered Bank, and in view of the trying times through which we are passing, it is not difficult to imagine that his time must be wholly devoted to the interests of this great and strong Far Eastern financial institution. Had the last few years been more normal and tranquil and the consequent demand on his time as head of the Bank, less pressing, Mr. Ferguson might have found enough leisure to take a more active interest in politics to the benefit of Hong Kong. But even in the realm of politics the Chartered Bank is entitled to our unfailing gratitude, for it is due to the untiring energy and patience of one of Mr. Ferguson's predecessors, viz., Mr. T. H. Whitehead, an intimate friend of mine, that greater unofficial representation was obtained on the Legislative Council, which led also to the appointment of unofficial members to the Executive Council. I am happy to think that Mr. Whitehead still takes a very large interest in China, and particularly in Hong Kong affairs, and I am sure that when he learns of this eloquent testimony of Chinese appreciation of his successor, who is leaving us on home leave for one year only, he will recall his China associations with a pleasure which must be enhanced by the knowledge that we have not forgotten and will not forget, his valuable services to the Colony. (Applause.)

Though not very much in the public limelight, Mr. Ferguson saw, and is seeing Hong Kong through one of the most critical periods of its existence in the commercial crisis that visited it with so much suddenness in the middle of 1925, and of which we hope we are seeing to-day the first signs of its vanishing into the thin air of unpleasant memory, soon to be forgotten as a thing of the past. During the worst period of the crisis Mr. Ferguson was invited to serve on the Committee for the distribution of the Trade Loan, obtained from the Imperial Government, of £3,000,000 sterling. Amidst the conflicting claims for financial support during the terrible period of financial stringency, the task of the Committee must necessarily have been onerous and difficult, but I feel that Mr. Ferguson was a most valuable asset to that Committee, and that he materially assisted the Committee to give such advice to the Government as in general stood for financial stability and cautious but impartial disposition of the available capital.

In the strength of the Chartered Bank, as we see it to-day, Mr. Ferguson gives the greatest evidence of his ability. It should be a proud boast of any Bank Manager that the confidence of Chinese bankers, no less than that of Chinese merchants and traders, remains unshaken and unimpaired, if not actually strengthened, by the fact that in the Chartered Bank they see symbolised the greatness and the soundness of British financial acumen. Among old names associated with the Chartered Bank, I recall names like those of the late Mr. James Whittall, a former Director of the Bank in London, whom I knew for many years and with whose firm I had business relations for a considerable time. Again, the late Sir John Jordan was another outstanding figure who was associated—alas for too short a time—with the members of the Board in London. Sir John I knew intimately, and Sir John typifies the very essence of British friendship to, and sympathy with, China, a fact that cannot be disputed, whether in the narrow confines of Hong Kong, or within the larger sphere of China. (Applause.)

Before Mr. Ferguson came to Hong Kong on promotion, he saw a great deal of service elsewhere. He joined the Bank in London in 1899, three years after he came out to the East and was sent to Sumatra, thence to Penang for nearly two years. From 1903-1909 he was stationed at Taiping and subsequently at Ipoh, a town then coming into prominence from the rich tin-lands in Perak, which were then being developed. From 1909 to 1911 Mr. Ferguson was looking after the Bank's interests in Burmah. In 1911 we welcomed him to Hong Kong for the first time. With the exception of a few months in Tientsin in 1912 he remained in the Colony until 1915 in which year he went on home leave. In 1917 Mr. Ferguson received further promotion to New York, and answering to the call of the East went to Peking in 1917 and remained in charge until the year 1920. In the latter year he returned to Hong Kong and remained for the long period of seven years. It was during this time that Mr. Ferguson became better acquainted with the Chinese and they with him, and I make bold to assert that the acquaintance thus formed is one of mutual confidence and respect. (Applause.)

Therefore, gentlemen, when we meet to wish Mr. Ferguson all good luck and a happy reunion with his home and people when he reaches London, we meet in a spirit of friendship, such as I have not the least doubt I am expressing not only for myself, but for the Chinese business community in Hong Kong as between the two races in the Colony, who are working together for the benefit of all. I ask you to rise and drink with me heartily to the health and prosperity of Mr. Ferguson. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Ferguson's Reply.

Mr. Ferguson, who was given a great reception on rising to reply, said:

I feel I have been set a very difficult task when I try to respond to the toast proposed by Sir Robert Ho Tung. I cannot hope to express adequately my feelings of deep gratitude to you, Mr. Chairman, the Representatives of the 24 Merchants Guild and other Chinese hosts who have thrust on me this evening such lavish hospitality and the great honour conveyed with it, which I shall never forget. I take it not only as a personal compliment but as a great compliment to the Institution which I represent. Further I do appreciate to the full the kindly fraternising spirit which has induced so many of my friends, Chinese and others, to be present at this function given in hour of my home-going, and the opportunity afforded me of meeting you all in person. No one knows better than myself that the honour is totally undeserved but after the many nice remarks Sir Robert has made about me I am prepared to put them down at their valuation, viz., as further evidence of the magnanimous heart of the Chinese, and leave it at that.

I am very glad, however, continued Mr. Ferguson, to find that Sir Robert has found me human. He has mentioned a short-coming—failure to enter the arena of Chinese Politics. If the Chairman refers to my not taking any active part in the Colony's local Administration I plead justification. Men with much better ability have always been available and, in any case, I have never been asked. Sir Robert is right in his assumption that my Directors consider my time should be fully employed in looking after the Bank's interests.

I am extremely obliged to Sir Robert for his most kindly remarks regarding Mr. T. H. Whitehead who retired a few years ago from the General Management of the Bank in London. When I see him at home I shall convey the greetings and I feel certain he will be thrilled to find that, after 25 years absence from Hong Kong, he is still retained in the memory of the Chinese community, to whom he was profoundly attached. (Applause.)

While on the subject of public duties it may not be out of place to refer to the untiring efforts and the unceasing energy which Sir Robert expended in endeavouring to bring about the unification of China through what was commonly known as the "Round Table Conference." The scheme was practical enough if the various Tuchuns had been prepared to sacrifice their personal aggrandisement and display the same patriotism and love of China which Sir Robert had shown right through in his negotiations. (L.L.).

If we revert to the Colony's local troubles of June, 1925, or even before, we meet the display of the same amount of unflagging zeal, hard solid work—by men who never seem to tire. I refer specially to Sir Shou Son Chow and Dr. Kotewall. It was a source of gratification to us all that the Government recognised what they had performed in the Colony's best interests and on Sir Shou Son Chow was bestowed a Knighthood while Dr. Kotewall was decorated with the C.M.G. (Applause.)

No doubt the 24 Merchants Guild through their President, Mr. Ho Kwong, did noble work but it is almost invidious to mention names when so many Chinese working quietly, without any show or ostentation, and not appearing in the lime-light, rendered such meritorious service, and did so much to minimise the effects of what might have been very serious labour troubles continuing over an extended period.

Gentlemen, we cannot hide the fact that the business community in this Colony during the past few years has passed through trying times and although the improvement, so far, is only slight let us hope before long the good sense of the average Chinese will ultimately prevail over Bolshevik influences and before many moons are gone we shall see ushered into this Colony after more settled conditions in and around Canton, an era of sound business prosperity. (Ld. applause.)

Toast To The Chairman.

In closing, I would ask the Guests to rise with me and drink the toast "Our Chinese Hosts coupled with the Chairman, Sir Robert Ho Tung.

Mr. Chan Tin San, also proposed the health of the Chairman, on behalf of the Twenty-Four Merchants Guild, the organisers of the dinner.

I understand, said Mr. Chan Tin San, that Sir Robert was chosen to be the Chairman of each of the successive farewell dinners given by Chinese merchants in honour of the late Sir Thomas Jackson, Mr. Whitehead, and Sir Newton Stabb. It is therefore pleasingly appropriate that he should preside over to-night's gathering. (Applause.)

Gentlemen, the mere mention of the part Sir Robert took in these previous social functions serves to remind us that he has been one of the leaders in our commercial community for very much more than a quarter of a century. I feel sure I am speaking on behalf of all the hosts when I say that we are indeed grateful that, in spite of his revered age, indifferent health, manifold interests, and innumerable engagements, he did us the honour of accepting the chairmanship to-night, and thus enabled us to do greater honour to our esteemed guest this evening.

I therefore ask my fellow hosts to join with me in drinking a bumper to Sir Robert's health, long life, and prosperity. (Lord Applause.)

The toast was enthusiastically drunk. Sir Robert Ho Tung briefly replied and the proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

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LORD HAIG'S APPEAL.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF HONG KONG'S CONTRIBUTION.

Mr. R. E. Cable, the Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Branch of the British Legion, has received the following letter from Capt. W. E. Willcox, the Organising Secretary of the Appeal Department of the British Legion:

Dear Sir,—I have received today from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, Gracechurch Street, the sum of £1,517.14.0 which I presume is the contribution from Hong Kong and China, in response to Lord Haig's Appeal on Remembrance Day, November 11th.

Although I have no doubt a letter is on its way from you giving particulars of this very splendid contribution I feel that I should at once send our official receipt and say how deeply Lord Haig appreciates the very valuable help given to the Fund in connection with the appeal, more especially in view of the troublous times through which you are passing in China—as affording the most tangible proof that in spite of many difficulties the public remembers so loyally the sacrifices made by those on whose behalf he appeals.

I look forward to hearing from you, but in the meantime would express our sincere gratitude to all concerned in this splendid contribution.

A HEARTLESS CHINESE.

ATTEMPTS TO DUMP SON'S DEAD BODY.

HIDING A CASE OF SMALL-POX.

A heartless Chinese who was caught in the act of dumping the dead body of his son, was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning.

The charge, said Inspector Blackman, was one of attempting to dump the remains without a permit from the Registrar of Births and Deaths. In reply the man had stated that he was taking the body to the Mortuary.

Police evidence was to the effect that on meeting a Chinese constable in a dark alley in Wanchai, the defendant threw down a sack from his shoulder and ran away. The sack, when opened, was found to contain the dead body of a child. The defendant admitted that it was his infant son, who had died from small-pox.

Defendant was remanded until to-day, bail being allowed in the sum of $100.

A HIDDEN THREAT.

NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR RICE RIOTS.

THE QUESTION OF DISCHARGED EMPLOYEES.

DEMONSTRATIONS TO BEGIN TO-MORROW.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

In reply to the declaration by the merchants that they will no longer be responsible for the board and lodging of *fobis* dismissed from service, the Workers' Delegate Conference state that they will not be responsible for any "rice riots" started by the hungry unemployed who may resort to force in order to obtain food.

Even the Kuomintang Press is now beginning to criticise the policy of the present administration. The authorities appear to be unable to decide one way or the other in this dispute between the employers and the discharged employees. Nowadays the labour unions, because of the forces they control, are able to defy Party orders and the Party seem powerless to have them carried out.

No business has been done for fully a month in certain classes of trade owing to this unfortunate trouble and to-morrow (Saturday) has been fixed as the date when a large body of the unemployed will begin to demonstrate for re-instatement in their former jobs. The merchants are determined to resist this endeavour to make them find work for everyone and anxiety is being felt in official circles regarding the outcome.

The Sun Yat Sen University in Canton, reorganised from the former Kwangtung University, opened for the 1927 session on March 1st with a large attendance. A part of the student body has been interesting itself in agitations also, demanding that the University, being a public institution, should be free to all. A nominal fee is now charged.

Mr. Henry Aki Panhoe, until recently engineer in charge of the Whampoa Port Development project, assumed the office of Commissioner of Public Works of the Canton Municipality on March 1st. Mr. Panhoe is a graduate of an American University and was one time Commissioner of Public Health. He was formerly a very popular baseball player in Honolulu, and for a season or two, while in Hong Kong, he played in the South China baseball team.

At a meeting of athletes in Canton on February 28th it was decided to go into training at once for the coming 8th Far Eastern Olympic meeting to be held in Shanghai next August. A committee is to be organized to raise funds for the Canton contingent.

The local authorities in Kwangtung Province, according to reports from 82 of the 94 districts, are to-day supporting 11,003 modern schools.

The Board of Charity in Canton is now paying some attention to inmates of the Police Reformatory, and has recommended that a certain number should be released on furlough. Although in a reformatory, some of the prisoners are serving sentences of ten years or more.

The Farmers' League in Kwangtung, an organization of farm hands under the auspices of the Communists Party, now reports a membership of more than 500,000, some 40,000 of whom are boys.

VICTIMS "CANNOT" IDENTIFY ROBBERS.

SEQUEL TO QUARRY BAY INCIDENT.

Four Chinese who had been arrested on suspicion in connection with the armed robbery at No. 7, West Street, Quarry Bay, were charged yesterday morning before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy.

The police stated that none of the victims could or would identify the defendants, who were believed to belong to the gang of six who carried out the robbery with daggers. Part of the stolen property was found on two of them.

The case was remanded until Monday, at 2.15 p.m.

POPULAR POLICE OFFICER.

INSPECTOR BOND LEAVING TO-MORROW.

FAREWELL FROM FORCE AFTER 21 YEARS SERVICE.

TRIBUTES PAID AND PRESENTATION MADE.

Glowing tributes to Inspector Bond of the Water Police were paid by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain-Superintendent of Police) at a gathering of officers of the Hong Police Force who assembled in the Police Canton yesterday morning to bid farewell to that officer, who is retiring from the Force after twenty-one years service.

Inspector Bond sails for Home on the P. & O. s.s. *Mantua* to-morrow.

Yesterday his colleagues, through the Captain-Superintendent of Police, presented him with a gold watch and chain.

Among the officers present were: Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, D.S.P., and Chief Inspector W. Kent, Divisional Inspector Spear, Inspector Ogg, Inspector Reynolds, acting Inspector Moss, Sub-Inspector Wilson, Sub-Inspector Ellis, Sub-Inspector Andrews, Sub-Inspector Lane, Sergt. Waller, Sergt. Munroe, Sergt. Joy, and Sergt. Hunt.

The Hon. Mr. Wolfe said Inspector Bond had served continuously with the Water Police. Amidst laughter, he commented, it was the one great drawback to the Water Police service that if a man was married he practically had to give up that service, for the simple reason that it was impossible to provide accommodation for wives on board the new cruising launches.

Inspector Bond's Good Record.

However it was a great pleasure to him to be able to record the excellent service of an officer who had spent his whole time in carrying out duties in connection with that very important branch of the Hong Kong Police Force. He (Mr. Wolfe) was prepared to state that he had known no better man than Inspector Bond. (Applause.) He had shown all the qualities of a seaman which were necessary for that particular work, and his record would show that he had been responsible on more than one occasion for saving life.

Mr. Wolfe then read out Inspector Bond's record. Mr. Bond joined the Police from the Royal Navy in 1906, the year of the big typhoon and became full Inspector, in charge of the Water Police craft, in 1924.

In 1907 he was commended by the Governor for rescuing two men from drowning, and in 1914 the Governor again commended him for meritorious work at a fire at Laichikok when one of the Standard Oil Co.'s tanks caught fire. In January, 1917, Inspector Bond was granted a third-class medal by the Governor for meritorious discharge of his duties and for effecting the rescue from the water of coal thieves.

Lost to Force.

Inspector Bond was a man of few words and decisive action. That was the type of man they were looking for in the Police, and whose loss they regretted when they had to go. He was again commended by the Captain Superintendent of Police for the seizure of a junk carrying a large quantity of opium and the arrest of four men.

Services During Strike.

In 1925, he received another commendation from the Governor for conspicuous and valuable services rendered during the general strike. He might say that had it not been for Inspector Bond, when everybody was defying law and order, the part played by the sampan and lighter men might have been much greater and more serious. By moves which he thought would be effective, he practically succeeded in stopping the sampan and lighter men from going out on strike.

He (Mr. Wolfe) was really genuinely sorry to lose Mr. Bond, and he was quite certain is colleagues were equally sorry. They could only hope that after Mr. Bond had had a good rest at Home he would come to the conclusion that it was too cold, or the income tax was still too high—(laughter)—and therefore he should return to Hong Kong. He, himself, could guarantee he would be able to fix up any technical details (laughter) if he returned.

In conclusion, Mr. Wolfe handed the watch and chain to Mr. Bond and expressed the hope that he would long live to use it.

Mr. Bond confessed, amid much laughter, that making a speech was not his strong point, and briefly returned thanks for the gift.

Mr. Wodehouse said he had known Mr. Bond for twenty years, and wished to endorse every word that the C.S.P. had said.

Sub-Inspector Andrews also spoke.

At the conclusion of the speeches, all present drank heartily to the health of Mr. Bond, and three rousing cheers were given.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE DEFENCE OF MR. ERNEST TREVOR.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I would ask you to contradict the suggestion that I am conducting the defence of Mr. Ernest Trevor, as my present commercial obligations expressly preclude me from such action.

I felt it would have been unreasonable to refuse his request that I should apply for bail, since his detention rendered it impossible for him to make an application on his own behalf; but I did not apply for a remand (as stated) nor take any other step therein.

It is a matter of regret to me that I cannot aid further, as I understand that financial stringency may compel Mr. Trevor to dispense with legal assistance, and the circumstances appear to be such as to make it desirable that he should receive the legal aid—such as the prosecution will undoubtedly have at their disposal—that would be available to him in the Home Courts.

That there should be in this Colony no Prisoners' Aid Society or similar machinery to assist a Britisher in protecting his liberty and reputation against a criminal charge, is to my mind a very real deficiency, to which the attention of the public ought to be directed.—Yours faithfully,

INSTONE BREWER,
President,
Instone Banking Corporation, Limited.

Bank of Canton Building,
Hong Kong, March 3rd, 1927.

THE SPORT OF KINGS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—In your issue to-day the phrase "The Sport of Kings" is applied as a description of racing.

In "Handley Cross" Surtees makes Mr. Jorrocks declare that "'Unting is the Sport of Kings." What Surtees thought of racing is very evident from a perusal of his books. It is clear that he disliked the whole business.

Is there any literary authority for the use of the phrase in the sense employed by your contributor?—Yours, etc.,

INTERESTED.

Hong Kong, March 3rd, 1927.

ASSAULT ON AN ARMY CONTRACTOR.

DEFENDANT GETS THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

WATCHMAN WHO TURNED ON FELLOW COUNTRYMAN.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Dalaub Khan appeared on remand before Mr. W. Schofield on a charge of assaulting Abbas Khan.

Mr. Leo. d'Almada appeared for the complainant and the defendant was represented by Mr. D. McCallum.

Abbas Khan, described as a rations supplier to the Indian regiments stationed here, said that he had known the defendant from his youth and had on several occasions assisted him in finding employment. The charge was one of assault, a stick being used on complainant.

Defendant, giving evidence, said that he had only known the complainant for a little over five years. He had deposited $430 with him and he had been going to complainant's house almost daily to press for the return of the money.

On the day in question, he saw complainant coming home on his ricksha and greeted him. Complainant asked him what he wanted and defendant said he had come for his money. Complainant then got angry, struck him on the hand with a walking stick and drew a revolver. The ricksha puller got scared and threw down his shaft, complainant being thrown out of the ricksha, and receiving a cut in the forehead.

In his cross-examination, Mr. d'Almada asked: "Have you ever been court-martialled?"

Mr. McCallum: Your Worship, this is a very unfair question.

His Worship: Yes, it is unfair.

In answer to further questions, defendant said that he had always known that the complainant was a "bad man" who had been in the habit of bringing false cases against the poor.

His Worship: I don't believe the story about the complainant falling off his ricksha, but whether there was a quarrel or not before that, I am not prepared to say. I find that the defendant used too much force. He must go to prison for three months with hard labour.

DIAMOND RING TAKEN BY TRICK.

PAWNED AND RE-PAWNED.

CHINESE SENTENCED FOR FRAUD.

ACTION AGAINST CHINESE PAPER CONSIDERED.

The story of how a Chinese obtained a diamond ring on the pretext that he would either pay $200 for it, or return it, but afterwards pawned it, and then repawned it, was related at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

Defendant was charged with the conversion of a diamond ring, valued at $200, to his own use.

Mr. C. S. Hugh-Jones prosecuted, and Mr. C. A. S. Russ was for the defence.

Before the case was commenced, Mr. Lindsell said that his attention had been drawn by the Crown Solicitor to an article in a Chinese paper, describing the defendant as a very undesirable and untruthful person, and there was the possibility of action being taken against this paper for contempt of Court.

Mr. Lindsell asked Mr. Russ whether he would like to have the case heard by some one else.

Mr. Russ replied that he knew His Worship too well to think that a newspaper article would influence his judgment, and he was prepared for him to hear the case.

Case Opened.

Outlining the case, Mr. Hugh-Jones said that the defendant had known complainant, a chauffeur, for about two months, and one day in a tea house, defendant said he wanted to buy a diamond ring. Complainant was wearing a diamond ring at the time, which he handed to defendant, and told him he could have it for $200. Defendant replied that he would like to take it home and show it to his wife, and if they both liked it he would pay the sum stipulated. If not he would return the ring. The next day, quite by accident, complainant met the defendant and asked him about the ring. Defendant said that he had "forgotten all about it," and when asked on several subsequent occasions failed either to return the ring, or pay the money.

On January 11th, defendant told the complainant that he had pawned the ring at the Yee On Pawnshop for $50, and complainant told him that he must redeem it at once, as he had no right to pawn it. Later, on the 18th, defendant told the complainant that he had repawned it for $150.

Complainant gave evidence bearing out this statement, and two other witnesses were also called for the prosecution.

One of these said that he pawned the ring while the defendant waited outside the shop, and questioned by Mr. Russ, he said that defendant did not want to be seen in the pawnshop as he was wearing European clothes.

The Defence.

On behalf of the defendant, Mr. Russ said the complainant knew that defendant had wealthy relatives, but criminal proceedings were being taken to recover a civil debt.

Giving evidence on his own behalf, defendant denied that he pawned the ring. Complainant pawned it himself, and gave him the proceeds in order that he (defendant) might settle a Mah Jongg debt, which he had incurred at complainant's house. When the ring was repawned for $150 it was not at his (defendant's) instigation. Actually he only received $40 of the money, which was purely a loan from the complainant.

Mr. Lindsell said that he believed the prosecution, and sentenced defendant to three months' hard labour.

PICK-POCKETS AND SNATCHERS.

RACE WEEK'S HARVEST.

BAD JOSS FOR THREE.

Race week in Hongkong as well as elsewhere has always been a profitable time for pickpockets and three light-fingered gentlemen were brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday at the Central Magistracy.

Chan Ho, for attempting to "lift" an almost worthless cigarette holder from the pocket of a Chinese spectator, was sent to gaol for four weeks.

Two other men, who snatched a gold mounted rattan bangle from a Chinese baby, were given the one six months' hard labour and 20 strokes of the birch, and the other 20 strokes to be followed by 48 hours' detention.

THE "SUNNING" PIRATES.

TWO MORE EXECUTED YESTERDAY.

MET THEIR FATE STOICALLY.

Two more of the six Chinese sentenced to death at the January Criminal Sessions in connection with the piracy of the s.s. *Sunning*, paid the extreme penalty on the scaffold at the Victoria Gaol yesterday morning, at two minutes after five o'clock.

Just prior to their deaths, it is understood that they remarked "Maskee, we die but once."

The execution was carried out simultaneously, and without hitch.

The men were Chan Lo and Sun Mau, both Cantonese, who figured as Nos. 3 and 4 defendants at the trial. Placed in the same cell as two of the other condemned men to await execution, they took part in the attempt to break out of confinement on Thursday morning.

The first-named was the man who pressed a revolver into Captain Pringle's stomach during the piracy, while the second man before the close of the trial admitted that he was fully aware that pirates were on board when the ship sailed from Amoy, and added that later a gun was put into his hands by the Pirate Chief (one of the two executed on Wednesday) and he was told "to do his bit."

The usual death inquiry was held at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Major C. Willson, sitting with a jury.

Evidence was given to the effect that the prisoners were executed in the presence of the Superintendent of the Gaol, the Goal Medical Officer (Dr. J. H. Craig) and other officials.

After Dr. Craig had given medical evidence the usual verdict, that death was met in accordance with the carrying out of the process of the law, were returned.

With the execution of four men who were convicted in connection with the piracy of the *Sunning*, there yesterday remained two others, Nos. 5 and 20 defendants, and the execution of these was to be carried out this morning at the usual early hour.

THE MASKED BALL.

AN ENJOYABLE FUNCTION PROMISED.

The masked fancy dress ball at the City Hall this evening promises to be a very jolly function.

The organisers have certainly done their best to ensure the enjoyment of all who attend. The whole suite of rooms at the City Hall has been engaged and, therefore, although it is anticipated that there will be a gathering of about 500, the floors will not be uncomfortably crowded.

A great deal of care has been expended on the decorations and each room has been arranged in a distinctive colour. The Hong Kong Hotel is doing the catering and an augmented band from the *Titania* will provide the music.

Tickets are limited. Any available will be on sale at the door, but those who wish to be present at the Ball should not run the risk of leaving the purchase to the last moment. They should secure them during to-day at Anderson's or Moutrie's.

MORNING COAT AND TOP HAT.

LAWYER WHO WON'T WEAR THEM—IN PAWNSHOP OR ELSEWHERE.

An amusing comment with regard to the wearing of morning coat and top hat was made in the course of the hearing of a case in Mr. R. E. Lindsell's court at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

The case, which is reported elsewhere, concerned a visit to a pawnshop by a Chinese who wished to pawn a diamond ring. He did not, however, enter the pawnshop himself, but waited outside while someone else went in to transact the business.

In cross-examination, Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who was appearing for the defence, asked a witness why defendant did not go in.

The witness replied that he did not wish to be seen in a pawnshop as he was wearing clothes of a European style.

Mr. Russ: There is nothing curious about that.

Mr. Lindsell interposed by asking Mr. Russ whether he would like to be seen in a pawnshop in a morning coat and top hat?

Mr. Russ: I would not like to be seen in a morning coat and top hat under any circumstances.

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INTIMATIONS.

HONG KONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the HONGKONG SHARE BROKERS' ASSOCIATION will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, 5TH MARCH.

By Order of the Committee,
PAUL HODGSON,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 26th February, 1927.
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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD., will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the Company (EXCHANGE BUILDING, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong), on FRIDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 1927, at ELEVEN O'CLOCK in the FORENOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended on the 31st DECEMBER, 1926, confirming the appointment of Directors and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

By Order of the Board,
C. G. COPLEY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th February, 1927.
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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. BUILDING, on SATURDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1927, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 21ST FEBRUARY to 5TH MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., LTD.
Agents.
Hong Kong, 12th February 1927.
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HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONG. TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 7TH DAY of MARCH, 1927, at 12 o'CLOCK NOON, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, to MONDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
W. F. SIMMONS
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 12th February, 1927.
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HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1926, at the Rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling is Payable on and after the 28TH FEBRUARY, 1927, at the Offices of the Corporation where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors.
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 26th February, 1927.
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A.B. DIXON
(H.M.S. *Frobisher*)

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DURING my Absence on Leave, MR. E. L. JUDD will be in Charge of the Company's interests in South China.

G. F. HASLAM,
Divisional Manager,
Hong Kong, February 28th, 1927.
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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RACE MEETING 1927.

5TH MARCH.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
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WILLIAM SCOTT TURNBULL, DECEASED.

ALL CLAIMS against the Estate of above Deceased, who died in SINGAPORE on the 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1927, should be Sent Immediately to the Undermentioned Solicitor for the Executrix.

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BIRTH.

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, MARCH 4TH, 1927.

VULGARISING THE ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE.

A MOVEMENT has been set going in England with the approval of the Royal Automobile Club to erect signposts in villages to tell motorists what they may see of historical interest in the neighbourhood. The *Daily Mail* has taken up the idea, and is engaged in the business of exploiting it for all it is worth to a journal with a passion for telling the public what they ought to do. Of course, a good case can be made out for making such information as is suggested easily accessible. There are some wonderful old houses of the Tudor period in England, and castles dating much further back, and stately mansions, moated farmhouses, and parish churches that are veritable poems in stone. These treasures are seldom visited because the traveller is unaware of their existence. They are, perhaps, mentioned in the guide books, but only a leisured few are thereby tempted to turn aside and see for themselves the hidden beauties of the countryside. What is now proposed is the erection of big notice boards with large lettering thereon indicating the objects of interest near at hand. To some motorists there is nothing remarkable on earth except speed and distance, but the man who travels with an eye for things may be grateful for a hint that some village through which he passes may have curious beauties concealed, and be, indeed, a shrine in which history has been stored away.

"And yet the question may be asked whether the proposed innovation is likely, if widely carried out, to be an unmixed blessing. We find that many people in England are indulging in frank criticism. They consider that the suggested scheme of flaunting signposts in every village, bearing not only its name but a catalogue of its delights, seems as crude and vulgar a piece of work as could ever have been conceived by that type of modern mind which cannot improve without violating, which can only simplify by adding a violent and blatant superfluity. We confess that we have strong sympathy with this point of view.

There is good reason to believe that signposts erected on the lines indicated will point the way, not only to the villages' charms, but also to their doom. A considerable proportion of motorists will be as indignant as the rest of the public, for the form of travel for which the country is being prepared is no travel at all. Half the joy of travel, whether by motor-car or by any other method, is to regard the journey in the light of an adventure—to find out things for oneself. If the motorist lacks the energy or the initiative to discover the treasures of rural England on his own account, if his adventuring is merely a cloak for driving a car, if he will not even pause to ask a villager, then he does not deserve to be carried through the country on the stretcher of a signpost.

MR. NIHILL'S NEW APPOINTMENT.

A LEGAL ADVISER IN IRAK.

We understand that the appointment, referred to in yesterday's *Daily Press*, which Mr. J. H. B. Nihill has accepted, is that of Legal Adviser to the Chief Administrator of Irak.

The date of Mr. Nihill's departure from the Colony has not been definitely fixed, but it will not be before March 15th.

At Shanghai last week, the Durhams defeated a team from H.M.S. *Hawkins* by five goals to two.

A very successful dance, under the auspices of H.M.S. *Ambrose* was held at the Hotel Savoy last night.

The Hong Kong Sharebrokers Association will be closed to-morrow for the final day of the annual race meeting.

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., will be held this morning, at eleven o'clock at Exchange Building.

Returning from long leave, Mr. E. Larmour (land surveyor of the Public Works Department) arrived on the P. & O. *Macedonia* from London.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending February 19th amounted to 14,207 tons, and the sales during the period to 80,583 tons.

In aid of Seamen's Institute funds, the dance band of H.M.S. *Danae* is giving a concert at the Institute this evening at 8.45. Admission is free, but a collection will be taken.

A Chinese woman was knocked down by a motor lorry at Connaught Road Central yesterday. She sustained slight injuries and was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

On Wednesday 3 Chinese cases of small-pox and two cases of enteric, one British and one Chinese were reported. On Tuesday 4 cases of small-pox, 2 Indian and 2 Chinese were notified.

MORE TROOPS ARRIVE.

MIDDLESEX, BORDER AND GREEN HOWARD REGTS.

DISEMBARKATION STARTED, CONTINUING TO-DAY.

GUARDS AND DEVONSHIRES STILL ON SHIPS.

Under a heavily clouded sky, with the temperature around 51, and a biting dampness in the air, further battalions of British Infantry and other details, arrived in the Colony yesterday.

The first troop ship in was the P. & O. *Karmala*, which arrived quite early and immediately went alongside Holt's Wharf.

On board her were the 1st Middlesex Regiment, the 1st Border Regiment, 1st Headquarters, half of the 5th Armoured Car Co., and Headquarters of the 13th Infantry Brigade.

No move toward disembarking the two battalions was made earlier in the day, but later it was decided that both the Middlesex Regiment and the Border Regiment should be disembarked here. These Battalions will go to the camps at Fanling and off Chatham Road.

The only battalion to leave the ship yesterday were the 1st Middlesex and they marched off to camp through a steady drizzle.

We were informed, on enquiry at Headquarters House, that the Border Regiment will not disembark until to-day, probably during the morning.

The Brigade Headquarters and other details will be quartered in the places arranged, full information of which was given some time ago in these columns. The armoured cars were to go to the Race Course, but they may proceed to Shanghai.

During the afternoon, the s.s. *Assaye*, bringing the 1st Green Howards, and half of a General Hospital, arrived. The quarters for the General Hospital is at the Diocesan Boys' School, Kowloon, which they will share with the Field Ambulance *en route* here on the *Herminius*.

The *Assaye* remained in midstream, and we were informed that the disembarkation of the Green Howards, etc., might take place today. This largely depends on how soon Holt's Wharf can be used for the purpose.

The s.s. *Sarpedon* also arrived during the morning, with supplies, and berthed alongside Holt's Wharf.

The Devonshire Regiment and the Coldstream Guards are both remaining on board the *Kildonan Castle* and *Kinfauns Castle* respectively in the stream, until further orders. It is not yet known whether they will proceed to Shanghai or remain here.

Yesterday morning, the Coldstream's had a route march through the Wanchai district. The battalion was not carrying equipment, but made an excellent impression: They were headed by their fife and drum band.

Three Regiments.

The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own).—The 1st Battalion is the old 57th. Foot and the Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment is the Prince of Wales. The Regimental Badge is the plume of the Prince of Wales. The Regiment has a very fine war record and during the Great War raised 46 Battalions.

According to the latest Army List available, the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, is Lieut.-Col. W. A. Stewart, O.B.E., and the following are the senior officers:—Majors V. L. N. Pearson, D.S.O., W. W. Jefferd, L. F. Sloane-Stanley and Captains L. L. Pargiter, D.S.O., N. H. B. Lyon, M.C., H. Phillips, M.C., G. C. Bucknall, M.C., H. W. M. Call, O.B.E., M.C., B. G. Horrocks, M.C., C. W. Haydon, M.C., S. W. M. del Court, M.C., and E. F. Lyons, M.C.

The 1st Battalion of the Border Regiment is the old 34th Foot, and the 2nd Battalion is the old 55th Foot, with Depot at Carlisle. The Regimental Badge is a Laurel Wreath and The Dragon, superscribed "China." During the Great War the Regiment raised 16 battalions.

The Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion is Lieut.-Col. G. H. Harrison, D.S.O., and the following are the senior officers of the Battalion: Majors E. Roche-Kelly, D.S.O., G. Darwell, M.C., M. U. Manley, M.C., and W. O. Lay, Captains H. L. Chatfield, M.C., C. G. Carruthers, M.C., G. W. B. Tarleton, M.C., W. F. H. Chambers, M.C., G. W. O'Brien, M.C., F. J. S. Nichols, M.C.

The second battalion is also in China, having reached Shanghai a few days ago on the s.s. *Megantic*.

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MISS NORA MOON'S CONCERT.

DELIGHTFUL MUSIC AT THE HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

The concert given yesterday afternoon at the Helena May Institute by Miss Nora Moon was well attended and enjoyed, and the fund of the Y.M.C.A. for entertainment of the troops has benefited by $400.

Miss Nora Moon is an English soprano operatic singer, who made her name during the war. She gave us selections from three operas, "Boheme," "Madame Butterfly" and "Faust," and to the obvious pleasure of many of her audience sang in English. Like many professional singers she found the accoustic proprieties of the hall difficult to guage at first, but as the programme proceeded she adapted her voice to the size of the room. It was perhaps on this account that songs in the second part seemed to suit her better. The Jewel song from "Faust" was delightful and as Miss Moon's voice rose in triumph one seemed to see the eager girl wondering at her own reflection in the mirror. The song which suited her voice best, however, was "The Lament of Isis" (Bantock). The notes in the minor key were produced with a full round tone which stayed in the room instead of echoing against the walls as those of the soprano arias. "Baby Clouds" again, which was specially written for Miss Moon, was delightful.

Miss Vera Godson assisted Miss Moon and gave us three violin solos. She is not a showy performer but played with a quiet command over her instrument which was the best possible foil to the operatic songs. Her playing especially of "Melodie" (Gluck) was restful and satisfying.

Mr. Bowes-Smith accompanied for both ladies with that sympathy and intelligence which makes all the difference between the pianist who merely gives cues and the one who takes a real share in the entertainment.

CENTRAL DISTRICT FIRE.

$50,000 DAMAGE.

At seven o'clock yesterday morning, a serious outbreak of fire occurred at No. 321, Queen's Road Central, and damages to the extent of $50,000 was done to the stock of the Sze Chau shop, who occupied all the flour floors of that building.

Fighting the fire from adjacent houses with the brigades was successful in confining the blaze to the one building.

Extraordinary general meetings of the Union Insurances Society of Canton: British Traders' Insurance Co.; and China Fire Insurance Co. will be held to-day at Union Building. The meetings will be held at noon, 12.15 p.m. and 12.30 p.m. respectively.

The funeral of Sister Anna, of the French Convent, Causeway Bay, whose death we recorded yesterday, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday morning, and was attended among others by Sisters from the Convent, and a number of the pupils.

As from January 27th Capt. R. H. T. Raikes, D.S.O., who has had two years in command of the China Submarine Flotilla, was relieved by Capt. J. B. Glencross, D.S.O. The latter officer was appointed to the Distinguished Service Order in November, 1917, in recognition of good work in enemy waters.

Other Ships.

The hospital ship *Maine* is due this morning. She was formerly the Panama, a twin-screw vessel of 3,306 tons net, and 5,768 tons gross, under the command of Captain R. N. Smardon, is also expected. Surgeon Captain W. W. Keir, C.M.G., M.B., is in charge of the medical section.

The *Maine* was built by Fairfield's, at their Glasgow yard, in 1902, and has a length of 401 ft., breath, 52 ft., and depth 33½ ft. Her turbines develop a nominal horsepower of 550. She left Malta on February 4th.

The *Herminius*, which, as stated yesterday, left Singapore on Tuesday for Hong Kong, with the 1st Cameronians; Headquarters 4th Pack Brigade R.A. and 21st Pack Battery; the remaining half of a General Hospital and a Feld Amnulance, may arrive in port to-day, but more probably she will get here until to-morrow.

The *Cameronians* (Scottish Rifles) who raised 27 Battalions during the Great War, served with the 2nd Borderers in the China war at 1840-2, when the reparation for outrages committed on British subjects was the cession of Hong Kong.

"Hot Dogs" Stand.

The St. Andrew's Young Men's Club is launching on a moderate scale, a scheme whereby the Service men coming to this Colony may find a quiet reading and writing room waiting for them, and also a "Hot Dog" Stand.

Arrangements are in the hands of the Committee, and announcements with regard to the opening will be made later.

M.P.'S QUESTIONS AS TO BRITISH TROOPS AT SHANGHAI.

FENGTIENESE ENGAGE IN SEVERAL PRELIMINARY SKIRMISHES.

CHINESE COMMUNISTS MEETING WITH OPPOSITION.

According to a Chinese Press Service report the Fengtienese and the Southerners have actually engaged in several skirmishes; and to all appearance the Northerners have had the better of the preliminary exchanges.

There is nothing to hand regarding the big battle which it is predicted is likely to take place shortly in the vicinity of Sungkiang, with Shanghai's Native City as the ultimate goal.

The Fengtienese in Honan are stated to be determined to deal drastically with the troops that treacherously left Marshal Wu Pei Fu stranded.

FIGHTING REPORTED BETWEEN FENGTIENESE AND SOUTHERNERS.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 3rd.

Actual fighting between the Fengtienese and the troops led by General Chin Yun Ao has taken place in the vicinity of Chungmao between Kaifeng and Changchow. Besides serious collisions between these forces, similar skirmishes have also occurred at Lanfung, to the west of Changchow.

Railway communication between Lanfung and Changchow has suspended. The upshot of the fighting up to the 28th ultimo is reported to be very unfavourable to General Chin's forces, many important points near Chungmao having been taken by the Fengtienese. General China arrived at Changchow on the 11st instant to make a strong defence there, fearing that if his troops at the front are entirely defeated, the Fengtienese will march to Changchow.

CHINESE COMMUNISTS.

MEETING WITH OPPOSITION.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 3rd.

A split between the Communists and the Kuomintang members is evident in a recent incident at Hankow in which the Communists demanded the overthrow of Mr. Chang Ching Kiang as Chairman of the Central Kuomintang Party, who is known as anti-Red in political principles, and that he be succeeded by Mr. George Hsu Chien, a Red leader.

General Chiang Kai Shek, however, opposed the Communists strongly in this matter and transferred the Kuomintang headquarters to Kiukiang at once.

General Chiang also delivered a lengthy speech at Nanchang denouncing the Communists.

[EARLIER TELEGRAMS.]

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 2nd.

In the House of Commons, Lieut.-Comdr. Kenworthy (Labour) asked what instructions had been given at Shanghai regarding the occupation of Chinese territory outside the Concession, "seeing that British troops had occupied positions outside the boundaries of the Concession?"

Sir Austen Chamberlain declined, in the public interest, to disclose the terms of the instructions.

Subsequently, in reply to Mr. R. C. Wallhead (Labour), Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that in view of the delicate situation which had arisen in Shanghai, British troops had taken up precautionary positions on a defensive line which was partly outside the Settlement limits. Italian forces were collaborating in the matter, but he was unable to say whether the Italian posts were actually placed outside the Settlement. He added that the occupation of this particular position was dictated by the tactical necessities.

Respecting Neutrality.

Mr. Wallhead asked whether the operation infringed either territoriality or neutrality, and Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that when danger arises troops must be placed in a position effectively to discharge their duty of protecting British lives—for which they were sent.

Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Labour) asked if neither Northern or Southern troops were to be allowed within whatever territory was at present occupied by the British, and Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that it was for the purpose of keeping armed forces and armed individuals—fugitives or stragglers from the armies—out of the Settlement and therefore avoiding the dangers inherent in such a case to British lives, that the troops were there.

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MARSHAL WU'S FORMER TROOPS.

TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE FENGTIENESE.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 3rd.

General Han Lun Chuen, a Fengtienese leader directing the Fengtienese in Honan, has ordered his troops to march to Changchow immediately with a view to dealing with Marshal Wu's defectionists, who are moving northwards from South Honan.

The Rev. C. Stephen (Labour) asked whether the Chinese troops from the North had entered Shanghai and whether Marshal Chang Tsung Chang had been permitted to take up his headquarters in the International Settlement, and whether the Cantonese, if they arrive opposite the British lines, will also be permitted to enter the city.

No Chinese Troops in the Settlement.

Sir Austen Chamberlain denied that troops had entered the International Settlement, and neither had Marshal Chang established his headquarters in the Settlement. He added that in the contingency foreshadowed, the British forces would continue to be governed by a policy of complete neutrality and impartiality as between the contending forces.

Independent American Action.

Mr. Howard Bury (Labour) asked if the Press reports were untrue that the United States was acting independently at Shanghai, and Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that they were taking independently such measures as they think right.

Sir Austen Chamberlain told Sir Joseph Nall (Conservative) that there was no rivalry between the United States and ourselves, and he also told Col. Wedgwood that His Majesty's Government had throughout endeavoured to act in harmony and wherever possible in full co-operation with other Powers.

[NAVAL WIRELESS REPORTS.]

Ichang Easier.

ICHANG, March 2nd.

The situation is much easier, the anti-British feeling having lessened considerably as the result of the signing of the agreement with the Labour Unions.

Hankow Split Likely.

HANKOW, March 2nd.

A strike of the carrying coolies of the Standard Oil Company's installation has now spread to the Asiatic Petroleum Company's installation. A small demonstration was held in the village behind the installations.

There are definite indications of a split between the Nationalist military and labour parties in the very near future.

A number of troops have left down river.

Telegraphic communication with Wuhu has been interrupted.

Chinese Detain a British Steamer.

WUHU, March 2nd.

The British s.s. *Kutwo* has been detained by the Chinese authorities, following a collision with a military launch which was towing junks. The military launch was sunk. The British Vice-Consul is proceeding to Wuhu to investigate the circumstances of the sinking.

Mrs. Borodin Detained.

NANKING, March 2nd.

A Soviet steamer, *Bymeimenpap*, with Mrs. Borodin on board, is being detained here by Marshal Sun Chuan Fang's troops, because ammunition was found in the bunkers.

The transfer of further Shantung troops from Pukow has been delayed possibly in view of the reported defection of Anhwei troops.

CHINKIANG, March 2nd.

One transport left down river to-day.

200 MILES PER HOUR MOTORING.

WHAT MAJOR SEAGRAVE HOPES TO DO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 3rd.

Major Seagrave, who is to attempt to reach a speed of 200 miles an hour in his 1,000 horse-power Sunbeam racing car, is on his way to the United States accompanied by mechanics. The attempt will be made on the Florida Strands and the tests may begin on March 19th. Seagrave is convinced that he can beat the existing world speed record for automobiles, but it is desired to know whether anything can travel faster than 180 miles per hour on land. It is calculated that the two 500 horse-power engines with which the car is fitted, will propel it at a speed of 96 miles per hour in the first gear, 156 miles per hour in the second and 212 miles per hour in the top gear. The car will consume a gallon of petrol per mile and the wind resistance at 200 miles per hour will be 1,000 pounds on the front of the vehicle. The car is described as the most powerful and scientifically perfect that has ever been built.

BRITISH FAUNA.

LONDON'S ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S INTERESTING PROJECTS.

LONDON, March 3rd.

The Zoological Society of London hope shortly to begin the development of a wild bird sanctuary reserve for British fauna and an exercise and breeding station and country home for animals in the London Zoological Gardens and, ultimately, to construct a zoological park. Four hundred acres, situated in the Chiltern Hills, about thirty miles from London, have been purchased for this purpose.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 3rd.

Sir Austen Chamberlain will leave London on Saturday to attend the League of Nations' Council meeting, which opens on Monday at Geneva.

MR. O'MALLEY RETURNING TO PEKING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 3rd.

It is understood that Mr. O'Malley, who has been conducting negotiations with Mr. Chen, is returning to Peking to resume his duties at the British Legation there. Mr. Teichman, Chinese Secretary of the Legation, who accompanied Mr. O'Malley to Hankow, will remain in order to elaborate details of the Agreement.

PORTUGUESE ROUND THE WORLD FLIGHT.

CALLS AT BATAVIA AND SINGAPORE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CASABLANCA, March 3rd.

The aeroplane piloted by the Portuguese airman, Major Sarmiento-beires on a world flight, has arrived here from Lisbon. It is proceeding to Portuguese Guinea and thence will cross the Atlantic to Brazil. The itinerary includes calls at Batavia and Singapore.

THE U.S. SOUTH AMERICAN FLIGHT.

REMAINING TWO AVIATORS CONTINUE THE VOYAGE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Mar. 3rd.

The remaining two United States Air Force machines arrived here to continue the 20,000 mile flight around South America, despite Saturday's collision and crash.

U.S. NAVY.

THE MODERNISING OF TWO WARSHIPS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 3rd.

President Coolidge has signed the Bill authorising the appropriations for modernising the warships *Oklahoma* and *Nevada*, including the elevation of their guns.

FRANCE'S WAR DEBTS.

STATEMENT BY THE PREMIER.

A SOCIALIST PROPOSAL DEFEATED.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

PARIS, March 3rd.

Supplementing previous statements, M. Poincare made a detailed verbal report, before the Finance Committee in the Chamber, on the agreement with England concerning provisional payments of the war debt. The proposal of the Socialist, Vincent Auriol, for a debate in the Chamber on the Agreement was defeated by 11 votes to 9, conformable with M. Poincare's demand.

U.S. SENATOR ON THE WARPATH.

WHOLESALE DENUNCIATION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 3rd.

In the Senate, during a debate on the Mexican situation, Senator Heflin (Democrat) fiercely denounced the Catholic Association, the Knights of Columbus. He also attacked Mr. Alfred Smith, the Democratic Governor of New York State, who is a Catholic and a possible Presidential candidate, declaring it to be most dangerous if Mr. Smith is put in the White House, while the Mexican crisis continued. Senator Heflin then attacked the British Ambassador, Sir Esme Howard, for attending a "recent meeting of the Knights of Columbus, at which Mexico was assailed."

The Democrat, Mr. William King, however, paid the highest tribute to Sir Esme Howard, declaring that he "could not permit the charge to stand that Sir Esme Howard had connived at war or entered into any conspiracy derogatory to the best interests of his country."

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 2nd.

In addition to the forty-fourth session of the League of Nations' Council which opens in Geneva on Monday next under the Presidency of Dr. Stresemann, the German Foreign Minister, there will be nine different League meetings during the present month.

Of these, the most important refer to the question of disarmament. When the Preparatory Commission for a Disarmament Conference meets again on March 25th, it will have before it the whole of the work done by its various technical sub-Commissions since June last, and may thus be able, definitely to draw up a programme and fix the date of an International Disarmament Conference. The related, though minor, question of the international supervision of the private manufacture of armaments will also be dealt with, since the special Commission, whereon the United States will be represented, will meet on March 14th to draw up the draft International Convention for conference which is to be summoned by the League in Autumn.

The League's Financial Committee is to study the possibility of establishing a common scheme of financial assistance to the State which has been attacked and to consider the legal position which would result from enforcing in peacetime, measures of economic pressure indicated in Article 16 of the Covenant, particularly by a maritime blockade. The Committee of the Council will examine the report of the sub-committee which met in London last month under the chairmanship of Viscount Cecil to study the kind of preventive action which might usefully be taken by the Council when considering a dispute brought before it.

SCENE AT A CHINESE LEGATION.

DEMONSTRATORS ARRESTED IN PARIS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, March 2nd.

The police were summoned to eject a party of thirty Chinese who called at the Chinese Legation at 7.30 in the morning and demanded an interview with the Minister and who refused to leave when the Minister offered to receive two delegates when the office opened. The intruders refused to disperse, and were taken to the Police Station, the majority being charged with assaulting the police.

"Work or Repatriation."

LATER.

It transpires that the intruders were unemployed and demanded either work or repatriation. Another delegation later interviewed the Minister, who promised to do his utmost to find them work and to distribute the available funds.

ZINOVIEFF'S LETTER.

ITS AUTHENTICY CONFIRMED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 2nd.

Sir Austen Chamberlain in the House of Commons was asked whether anything had arisen either in the recent reply from the Soviet or from any other source, throwing any doubt on the accuracy of the conclusion that the Zinovieff letter, which brought down the Labour Government in 1924, was not a forgery.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that nothing had arisen. On the contrary, two pieces of confirmatory evidence were available to the present Government which were not available to the Labour Government. Asked if he was prepared to submit this evidence, Sir Austen Chamberlain replied "No! Our sources of information are thoroughly trustworthy, but would not be available if they could be made public."

MALAYAN RUBBER.

VALUE OF THE EXPORTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SINGAPORE, March 3rd.

The Malayan Rubber exports for February totalled 27,500 tons, compared with 30,500 in the same month last year. The value of the exports for the two months in 1927 was $59,500,000, compared with $173,000,000 last year.

60 MAHOMEDANS KILLED AND WOUNDED.

SEQUEL TO A RELIGIOUS PROCESSION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CALCUTTA, March 2nd.

Twenty Mahomedans were killed and 40 wounded as the result of firing which was ordered by the District Magistrate of the Backergunge District, at Ponabalia, a village about 200 miles from Calcutta.

It is reported that Hindus took out a religious procession to the accompaniment of music on the occasion of the Shivrati Festival. When they approached a Mosque some Mahomedans resisted, but the Magistrate persuaded them to disperse. But the Mahomedans soon returned at the instigation of their religious Head, and defied the Magistrate. They attacked the Magistrate and Superintendent of Police with a spear, whereupon, finding that the situation was getting out of control, the Magistrate ordered the firing.

OPIUM CONVENTION.

RATIFIED BY FIVE NATIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, March 2nd.

The Dutch Government has deposited with the Secretariat of the League of Nations its ratification of the National Opium Convention of 1925, which has now been ratified by Britain, France, India, Holland Portugal.

U.S. NAVAL BILL.

SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 2nd.

President Coolidge has signed the Naval Bill, thereby incidentally assenting to the appropriation for three new cruisers, which Congress had inserted in the Bill against the President's wishes.

LATER.

It is emphasised at White House that while President Coolidge has not changed his mind with regard to the advisability of building the three new cruisers, had the Naval Bill been vetoed, the Naval Department would have been entirely without funds.

BABE RUTH'S PRICE.

$70,000 PER YEAR.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, March 2nd.

After a dazzling blaze of publicity in support of his case, the baseball player, Babe Ruth, whose slogan has been "$100,000 or I quit," has agreed to continue big hitting for the New York Yankees at a salary of $70,000 per annum. The contract is for three years.

Previously, Babe Ruth received $52,000 per annum.

"BEVERLEY OF GRAUSTARK" AT THE QUEEN'S.

A FILM TO ENJOY.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

Well done Metro Godwin Mayer! "Beverley of Graustark" showing at the Queen's has every element of a successful screen play, and the management of the Hong Kong Amusements is to be congratulated on giving us a second treat at the Queen's this week.

We have had plenty of Ruritanias and plenty of comedies, but "Beverley" is more than either. It has proved only too easy to take Anthony Hope's famous novel and rehash it. Novelists and producers have done so *ad nauseum*, but Metro Goldwin Mayer have the story in quite a different way. It is Ruritania right enough but with that almost inimitable flavouring which one seldom meets outside France, and though it is comedy it never falls to farce.

There is, moreover, another element that makes an especial appeal to British audiences. In her cousin's dress Marion Davis has a certain likeness to the Prince of Wales and this resemblance has been made use of with very great cleverness. That is to say it is never overemphasised, there is no caricature and no attempt at impersonation; just a hint of his well-known gestures to further the facial similarity.

Don't miss Beverley of Graustark if you want to see a really good film.

A FAMOUS BRITISH MOTORIST.

T. G. PARRY THOMAS KILLED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 3rd.

The famous racing motorist, T. G. Parry Thomas, was killed while attempting to recapture the World's Speed Record on Pendine Sands, Wales, to-day.

OBITUARY.

AMERICA'S COMMUNIST CHIEF.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

CHICAGO, March 2nd.

The death has occurred here of Mr. Charles Ruthenberg, the General Secretary of the Workers' Party (a Communist organisation of the United States), who was the virtual chief of the Communists in America.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 3rd.

Paris	124
Brussels	24.89
Amsterdam	12.11⅝
Berlin	20.47
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.45¼
Helsingfors	192½
Lisbon	2.17-32
Rio	5⅝
Bombay	1/5.61-64
Hong Kong	2/0.7-16
New York	4.85¼
Geneva	25.22
Milan	111.1-16
Stockholm	18.17
Oslo	18.70½
Prague	163¾
Madrid	28.91½
Athens	376
Buenos Aires	47⅜
Shanghai	2/6.11-16
Yokohama	2/0.7-32
Silver (spot)	26.1-16
Silver (forwards)	28.13-16

S.P.C.A.

INSPECTORS' REPORT.

The following is the combined report of the work of the Inspectors of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for February:—

TRANSPORT.	
Poultry, crates	1,774
Poultry on trucks and lorries, loads	119
Poultry in junks and ferries, crates	167
Poultry by rail, crates	39
Pigs on trucks and in baskets	1,345
Pigs in junks and ferries	656
Pigs by rail	32
Cattle in junks	203
Cattle ashore	50
Sheep and goats in junks	30
Dog by rail	1
Dogs in market, Taipo	24
Cats in market, Taipo	4
IMPORTS.	
Poultry, crates	2,934
Pigs	8,765
Cattle	1,332
Sheep and goats	240
Cages of birds	53
Foxes	2
Cats	3
Owls	4
EXPORTS.	
Poultry, crates	97
Cattle	319
Sheep and goats	195
Dogs	2
Monkeys	20
Cages of birds	17
Ponies	7
VISITS.	
Markets	70
Birdshops	16
Railway stations	28
Dogs' home	44
Dealers shops	15
Pig pens, Yaumati	3
Landing places	58
Poultry depots	84
Cattle depot	20
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Ignorant cruelty cases corrected	38
Markets watched, times	43
Ferries watched, times	45
Case investigated on report received	1
Dogs received in home during month	18
Dogs claimed in home during month	1
Dogs sold in home during month	3
Dogs died in home during month	1
Dogs destroyed in home during month	8

£20,000 FOR SUZANNE.

FOUR MONTHS' PAY.

Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen, it is announced, is to sail for France this month, the possessor of £20,000, which is the price paid to her for abandoning her status as an amateur lawn tennis player.

Her manager reveals that he guaranteed her £12,000 and a percentage of the gate receipts for a four months' tour of the United States which is now ending.

Miss Mary K. Browne, the American champion, who has played against her in 37 cities, and incidentally won only one set, receives £6,000, and a share of the gate receipts.

The troupe of players propose later in the year to start on a tour embracing England, France, Germany, Japan, and Australia.

LOCAL BOXING.

TO-MORROW'S TOURNAMENT AT THEATRE ROYAL.

MORRIS SEEKS NEW TITLE.

[BY A RINGSIDER.]

Several new faces will be seen in the local ring to-morrow at the Theatre Royal, where the Hong Kong Boxing Association hold their sixth tournament of the present season.

The main event, a fifteen rounds contest between Stoker Morris, H.M.S. *Hermes* and Leading Seaman Dixon, H.M.S. *Frobisher*, for the welterweight championship of the Colony, should prove a fine fight, but it must be admitted that since Jim Cartlidge left the Colony it has been very difficult to find a man who can be relied upon to extend Morris.

In Dixon, the Association think they have found the man. He has developed a habit of winning his fights by the knock-out method and he is the present welterweight champion of the Mediterranean fleet.

Stoker Reynolds.

The best of the two ten round contests appears to be that between Stoker Reynolds, H.M. Submarines and Signalman Morris, H.M.S. *Despatch*, at welterweight. Reynolds is well-known in the local ring, having appeared at every tournament this season and won each of his fights.

Morris has done a lot of fighting at Shanghai, and has come south with a record sufficiently good to warrant his being matched with Reynolds.

Ten Rounds Lightweight Contest.

The second ten rounds contest is between Leading Seaman Hall, H.M.S. *Titania* and Leading Seaman Baker, H.M.S. *Hermes*. This fight can be relied on to go the full distance, both men being past masters in the art of absorbing punishment.

THE HIGHLANDS OF SCOTLAND.

SIR JOHN LORNE MACLEOD REVIEWS THE SITUATION.

CO-OPERATION WITH LOWLANDS NEEDED.

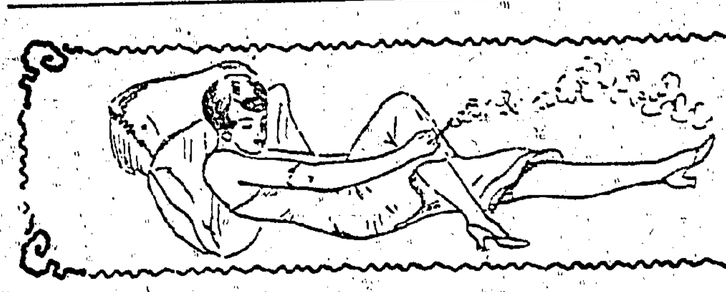
Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., at the annual gathering of the Mull and Iona Association in Glasgow, said that the island of Mull, according to geological authority, was one of the oldest parts of creation and every Highlander had a natural birth-right in Iona. Iona was the sacred heritage of the Gael and the germinal point of Scottish history.

An Exploded Myth.

There had been a great rivival of interest in Highland matters in recent years. The old silliness about the savage and uncivilised Highlander had come to an end. Only a very ignorant person would deny the contribution which the Highland people had made in Scotland. The achievements of the original Highland regiments and the emigration from the Highlands had had an effect upon growth and development of capital importance in the history of British expansion. This was an aspect which deserved the highest emphasis. The Highlander had been a great pioneer and Highland blood was one of the strong bonds with the Dominions, and especially was Canada. It always seemed to him that what was required was the best co-operation and understanding between Highlanders and Lowlanders. There was no use preserving artificial barriers or exclusiveness, or keeping up old differences or distinctions which had no relation to existing conditions. He was a complete optomist about the future of the Highland race.

Work of Highland Societies.

The Highland societies were doing a great work in keeping alive Highland sentiment and inter-course among Highland people. There was no doubt the whole position in the Highlands at present was a serious one, having regard to the future of the Highland people within their own country, but every Highlander knew that the position had never been free from difficulty and concern. One thing they were all agreed upon. Highland transport as it now existed, or was supposed to exist, was deplorable, both as regarded expense and want of facilities. Transport was at the root of Highland economics. Mainland transport had been immensely developed within recent years. It was hardly credible, and certainly not creditable, that Highland sea communications, which were properly restricted as a necessary war measure because of the war zone, and not on the ground of national economy at the time, were still worse than before the war. It was certainly long overdue to have at least pre-war transport restored to the West Highlands.



The WOMAN'S PAGE

THE FASHIONABLE FACE.

We are getting used to geometric lines for dresses, and cubic art has been with us so long that it no longer provokes any attention, but when Paris tells us we must wear cubic make up it is rather a shock. You must not wear a "round rose leaf blush" any more but apply the range in a slanting line from the nostril to the top of the ear, while a dab on your chin will add a becoming length to your face. But follow this counsel with discretion please and you will understand the reason for it. Make up to-day is as definite an accessory to clothes as a bag or a handkerchief. That does not say it is absolutely necessary, for there are still charmingly dressed women who use very little or none, but it does emphasise the fact that it must be considered in relation to the style of dressing you adopt.

The milk and roses style definitely is not the complement of the line of to-day. If kind nature gave you a flawless complexion, wear it; it



Of pinky-beige wool crêpe with flower shading to wine colour, the hat repeating the colours. Pin tucks are a favourite ornamentation for jumper suits and dresses of many materials.

stands out supreme among all the caprices of modern fashion, but if not read on and learn what Paris orders.

Eyelids must be made up with care, only the upper lid darkened and that very slightly. A suspicion of rouge under blue or brown powder gives that langerous look which is so attractive with a somewhat severe evening gown. Nails are less highly coloured than *antre fois* but should be filbert shaped and brilliantly polished. The straight shaved line at the nape of the neck is quite gone and a fine point or a heart shaped cut which is much prettier has taken its place.

As to the general colour of the face powder, sunburn tones or a dazzling fairness are the rule. You may wear both, the former in the day with sports clothes or walking dress and the latter at night, but only with the right clothes. Of the two, sunburn is undoubtedly the safest and the more general, but again be careful to get the tone right. If you wear a sleeveless frock remember that your face, arms and neck must complement your legs (stockings), and don't make the terrible mistake of pink stockings, bronze arms and a pink and white face!

THE TEMPTING REMNANT.

I saw about 200 silk dress lengths in a shop on Queen's Road the other day. No, Sir, I didn't undo them all and buy none, but I noticed two in particular. One was in vieux rose shading to green in its floral border; and the other was a heavy deep bronze coloured silk with a small black diamond pattern, and a beautifully designed border in blue and chestnut brown. There were also 50 lengths of bordered Japanese flannel which makes up delightfully for between season frocks.

Then I went into the little sanctum at the end of the shop to look at lovely and fragile stockings (they are guaranteed hole proof). There were thousands of pairs in every conceivable tone.

I found in a *Daily Mail* a most useful list of the lengths required to make various articles of clothing which I am sure you would like to see. It is an all too frequent tragedy of sales that one buys a tempting length only to find it too short for the intended purpose. If you cut out this list and carry it with you when you go remnant hunting you can't go wrong. The sizes are for a figure of average height and of 36in. bust.

Long-sleeved frock with side pleats, two and a half yards fifty-four inches wide, or three and three quarter yards thirty-eight inches wide.

LITTLE GIRLS' DRESSES.

Children's dresses were never so charming as to-day. Happy the mother of a little girl. The girl's clothes are not only pretty but so short that they can be made easily out of remnants or pieces left over from her mother's wardrobe. Care must be taken, however. An over dressed child is almost as pathetic a sight as one wearing makeup.

Those of you who were wise enough to buy remnants whilst the sales were on can now make good use of them and you "can still find suitable lengths in many of the native shops. A lovely little frock for the small girl comes from Paris. It is a straight night gown shape in pink crêpe de chine, cut with tiny sleeves and wide enough in front to allow for a deep inverted pleat on either shoulder. This is joined, to just above the waist line, with shots worked in pale blue silk and laced with blue ribbon. You should fasten the end of the ribbon with a button and button hole or a tiny bow on the inside of the dress, so that it can be removed for washing. The round neck, the ends of the sleeves and the scalloped hem are worked in the same blue silk in deep wide-apart button hole stitch, and the opening of the neck is fastened with a small button and V loop under a long-ended bow of blue ribbon.

THE RACES.



Those high chairs give a good chance of observing shoes and stockings, but even a satin coat, a leather one or a cloak of air force blue did not hide much.

The horses were there too though not so much in evidence.

Long-sleeved jumper with Eton collar, two and a half yards thirty-eight inches wide.

Slim, sleeveless evening frock of brocade or other decorative material, two and five-eighths yards thirty-eight inches wide.

Princess slip, two and one-eighth yards thirty-eight inches wide for opera top, or two and a half yards if with shoulder pieces.

Directoire knickers, one and a half yards thirty-eight inches wide.

Short evening knickers, one and three-eighths yards thirty-eight inches wide.

Cami-knickers, two yards thirty-eight inches wide.

Nightdress with small sleeve, three and a quarter or three and three-eighths yards thirty-eight inches wide.

Pyjamas with long sleeves, four and a half yards thirty-six inches wide; with short sleeves four yards thirty-six inches wide.

Collar and long vest, seven-eighths yard thirty-eight inches wide.

Collar and small cuffs, three-eighths yard thirty-eight inches wide.

From a 10-inch strip of brocaded or French tinsel ribbon you can make a pretty evening pochette, while ¾ yard of 27 inches velvet is just right for an attractive tam-o'-shanter.

Another little party dress has a long straight bodice of white taffetas and a full skirt of the same material crossed with blue checks. The same blue binds the sleeves and neck where it is tied in a bow with long ends on the left shoulder. This frock offers many possibilities for using up pieces of almost any material. It could be made in viella plain and checked for the afternoon, or from the extra length cut off the hem of your last year's dress and a remnant of suitable plain material for the bodice.

A good way of making up short lengths is to have a yoke and sleeves of one material and the skirt of another put on to it either in pleats or with the fullness smocked. If the yoke is scalloped and bound round the neck and sleeves with the same colour as is used for the skirt it is even better.

You can get the dearest little party frocks at Clerget's in Ice House Street, made of strong linen thread filet lace over pink or blue crêpe de chine. They are simply made to stand plenty of washing, and are something quite different in their somewhat severe daintyness, and very reasonable in price from $10 according to size.

To bear the *cachet* of 1927 little girls' frocks must be simple in line and as short as possible. The

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THE ART OF SALESMANSHIP.

There has been a great deal written lately in the home papers about the art of buying, a controversy as to whether a woman can, or should be able to, buy a dress in ten minutes; but the sister art of selling has been neglected not only by the papers but very often by the saleswomen themselves. This is very generally true in England, a fact which accounts far more than the rate of exchange, for the number of purchases made on the continent, not only by those who go there holiday making but on "passing through."

Here in Hong Kong we have every variety of salesmanship. You may stop in Queen's Road to look at a long legged doll sprawling across Madame Sarrault's window, an intrigueing glimpse of a dress draws you in "just to have a look round," and Madame comes forward with her welcoming smile, and your fate is sealed. But it doesn't feel like that, it is more like being received by Cinderella's



A simple midseason frock which could be carried out in jersey cloth or crêpe de chine. The buckle fastenings are interesting.

Fancy Godmother; at a wave of her wand cupboards and drawers fly open and all the things you love are spread before you. When at last you tear yourself away you feel as if you had been given just the presents you had longed for, and even when your pass book arrives from the bank, you say, with the memory of having looked your best since that visit "Well, it was more than worth it."

Salesmanship is more important than having the best stock, it isn't only persuading people to buy, it's persuading them to buy what they will never regret.

bodice may be long or in the yoke shape, sleeves long or short; you may have pleats or scallops, "V, or round necks, but frills lace and unnecessary ribbons are as dead as Lord Faunthroy's long curls. They no longer belong by right to the little girl, but, if you love them, babies fashions have not yet been pruned into the prevailing mode for life, though even the latest layettes are far more akin to mother's clothes than they were.

HINTS FROM TURKEY AND FRANCE.

Have you ever tried Turkish coffee? Though drunk without milk it is quite different from the ordinary café noir, but I advise you to make it yourself for though easy, there is a mystery in the making of which your cook boy may not realised the significance. The Turks make it in a specially shaped conical saucepan which is wider at the bottom than the top, but with care an ordinary pan will do. You must have your coffee freshly roasted and ground; that is essential. Take for each person a tablespoonful of coffee and the same measure of castor sugar and water, put into the pan and boil upon a quick fire. Let is rise to the top of the pan, then remove from the fire for a moment till it settles. Repeat this process twice more, then pour into the cups and drink as hot as you can.

"Petit Pains de Pommes de Terre." The following recipe from France is particularly useful here where the ordinary boiled potato is so often unsatisfactory and eggs are cheap. Boil 3 or 4 large flowery potatoes in their skins—the French say in their dressing gowns—peel and mash them while hot. Add to this purée ¼ lb. of butter and the yokes of 4 eggs, then the whites beaten to a stiff froth. Mix it all together and add just enough flour to make a firm paste of which you can fashion the petit pains, small rolls about 4 ins. long and 2 thick. Put a small piece of butter on each roll and bake them a golden brown in a moderate oven.

THE LINEN CUBOARD

Every Saturday morning my Grandmother was to be found in her linen room seated in a high backed chair set in a bay window which caught the morning sun. I like to think of her sitting there with her rosewood sewing table before her, while the maid counted and sorted the contents of the great tallboy which was her pride. No thin place or tiny tear could escape Grannies sharp eyes, and each was mended with such fine stitching that they barely showed. Few houses to-day can boast a linen room, and the wash amah's methods might have persuaded even the old generation that in the East linen cannot be regarded as a hereditary treasure.

We all have a linen cupboard, however, and the spring, when every housewife is filled with restless energy is the tine to take stock and replace any worn articles. Lane, Crawford's have now a separate department on the ground floor, where you can buy all household linens from the daintiest little boxes of old bleach guest towels complete with skeins of silk with which you can work an initial to match the coloured border, to housemaids gloves and scouring clothes. They have some beautiful old bleach hemstitched sheets, with pillow slips to match at $20 a pair and Finlay finish sheets for $17.50.

In the same department there is to be found old bleach cambric which is quite the softest and coolest wear for summer undies; and oatmeal linen luncheon sets, that with their lovely colour and simple scalloped borders are a pleasant change, from lace and Chinese embroidery. I also saw there some printed cretonne table squares which would be splendid for the nursery or bedroom.

DRESSES AND DOLLARS.

"A new hat is a treasure, a triumph and a tonic," said Mr. Justice M'Cardie, a bachelor Judge, in the case in which Paquin was sued by a member of their staff. But would he have described it like that if he had been married I wonder? The figures quoted in this case throw light on the why and wherefore of those heart rending prices charged for lovely frocks. The designer in question earned £1,500 a year as salary. In addition to this she had four visits a year to Paris at the firm's expense, attended the race meetings with an allowance of £15 15s. a day for expenses and six model dresses a year. Doesn't it fill you with ambition to serve M. Paquin or M. Worth? Then see what is earned by a premier vendeuse in Paris, "easily" we are told "£1,000 a year." And yet there are women who long to write!

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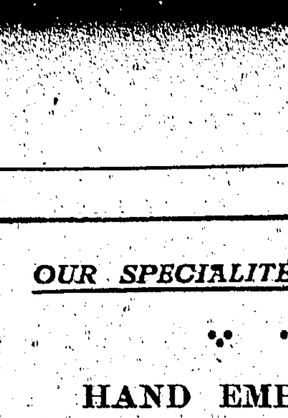
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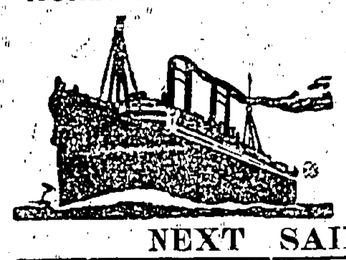
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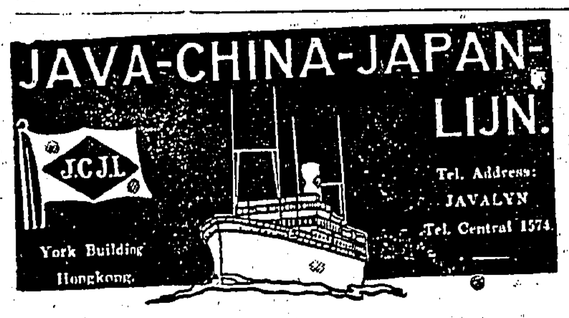
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[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O., ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.]

No. 266.

1.—Artillery Company.

City and Taikoo Sections will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8th, 1927.

Lecture will be given by Lieut. G. H. Sloane-Stanley, R.A.

Transport for Taikoo Section will be at Taikoo Dock, East Gate, at 4.45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8th, 1927.

2.—Musketry.

Owing to Stonecutters Range not being available and the Peak Trams not running on Sunday forenoon there will be no musketry on Sunday, March 6th, 1927.

No. 1 Platoon under 2/Lieut. H. Owen-Hughes will fire on the Peak Range on Sunday, March 13th, 1927.

3.—Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies.

Muswetry Part I. will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, March 13th, 1927.

Range Officer: Lieut. R. L. Moncrieff.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

As a large number of men were inefficient last season in musketry, it is strongly urged that as many as possible will avail themselves of the Classes arranged for Instruction in musketry as detailed below:

The Musketry Classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays at Kennedy Road Range.

Dress: Rifles, bayonets, bandoliers and belts.

Individual instruction at Kennedy Road Range will be given to recruits who must keep these dates open, *viz.*, Monday, 7th and Thursday, 10th March, 1927.

Machine gunners. Coaching for the Machine Gun Competition will be given by Sergt. Henderson on Thursdays, at 5.30 p.m., at Volunteer Headquarters.

All members of the M.I. and A.C. Companies are requested to do so their utmost to turn up for the shoot at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, March 13th. Details as to time, dress, etc., will be issued later.

The following prizes will be shot for:—

1.—Highest Aggregate.
2.—Score showing most improvement over last year.
3.—Highest aggregate made by a member of the M.I.
4.—Highest aggregate made by a member of the Mobile Column.
5.—Highest aggregate made by a Machine gunner.
6.—Highest aggregate made at grouping and 500 yards application.

4.—Appointments.

The following extract from the *Hong Kong Government Gazette*, dated February 25th, 1927, is repeated.

H.E. the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation by Capt. Gerald Hardie Hallan Bell, 2nd Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, of his appointment as Adjutant in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from February 8th, 1927.

H.E. the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment under the provisions of the Hong Kong Volunteer Regulations, 1920:—

Brevet-Major Robert Alexander Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., M.C., the Gordon Highlanders, to be Adjutant, with effect from February 8th, 1927.

5.—Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1141 Pte. A. W. Hay-Edie, M.I. Co., dated February 24th, 1927.

No. 1142 Pte. V. T. Low, A.C. Co., dated February 24th, 1927.

No. 1143 Pte. M. A. Baptista, No. 4 Platoon, dated February 24th, 1927.

No. 1144 J. R. Soares, No. 4 Platoon, dated February 24th, 1927.

No. 1145 Pte. C. A. Robarts, No. 4 Platoon, dated February 25th, 1927.

No. 1146 Pte. S. O. Gregory, No. 2 Platoon, dated February 25th, 1927.

No. 1147 Pte. G. B. Labrum, A.C. Co., dated February 28th, 1927.

6.—Long Service Medal.

H.E. the Governor has awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal to the undermentioned, as from February 21st, 1927:

No. 14 Pte. J. A. E. Bullock, I.S.O., M.B.E., D.C.M., Reserve Company.

No. 26 Pte. J. L. McPherson, Reserve Scottish Company.

7.—Transfers.

No. 556 Pte. J. R. Collis is transferred from Mounted Infantry Company to No. 1 Platoon (Infantry Company), as from March 4th, 1927.

No. 1074 Pte. A. T. Hunter is transferred from Armoured Car Company to Mounted Infantry Company, as from March 4th, 1927.

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8.—Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

No. 335 Sergt. A. W. Brown, No. 7 Platoon, from March 1st 1927, to February 29th, 1928.

No. 604 Pte. G. R. Vallack, A.C. Company, from April 1st, 1927, to March 31st, 1928.

No. 58 Spr. R. R. Wood, Engineer Company, from March 1st, 1927, to September 30th, 1927.

No. 646 Gr. D. Peoples, Artillery Company, from March 1st, 1927, to December 31st, 1927.

No. 589 Pte. W. M. Johnston, Reserve Scottish Section, from March 1st, 1927, to December 31st, 1927.

9.—Resignation.

No. 1036 Pte. R. W. Barnett, Armoured Car Company, is permitted to resign from the Corps, as from February 14th, 1927, on payment of the sum of $60 in accordance with the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920, Part 1., Para. 5, Section 3.

R. A. Wolfe-Murray, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

Hong Kong, March 4th, 1927.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Paul Lecat*, from Marseilles *vid* Ports, on March 2nd:—Mr. G. Argerich, Mr. and Mrs. A. de la Riven, Mr. S. Mori, Mr. and Mrs. Gazal, Mr. H. Gazal, Mr. R. S. Loring, Dr. and Mrs. Roth, Mr. Ottavy, Mrs. W. Sak, Mr. and Mrs. Bardac, Miss Martel, Mr. Jaffe, Mrs. Arces, Mr. B. Suto, Mrs. V. Bienaime, Mr. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. J. Storch, Mr. and Mrs. J. Storch, Mr. H. G. Marchant, Mr. McConnell, Mrs. C. M. Lindsay Woods, Miss Chater, Major Olivecrona, Miss Richardson, Miss M. del C. Y. Soriano, Mrs. M. V. de Soraino, Miss A. G. Y. Arana, Mr. S. Teissier, Mrs. Haigh, Mr. J. K. Gwinell, Mr. M. D. Cronin, Mr. M. D. Hudson, Mr. Monlegle, Miss Mead, Mr. Y. Henry, Mr. de F. Brossia, Mr. Guichard, Mr. Donsac, Mr. Gorron, Mrs. M. Faucett, Mr. A. Gombert, Miss F. A. Young, Mr. Le Rouxel, Mr. J. Uhlmann, Mr. Pirovano.

Per s.s. *Antenor*, from United Kingdom, on March 3rd:—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Adams, Master W. L. Adams, Mrs. Baskett, Miss E. R. H. Baskett, Mr. A. Brostedt, Mr. R. Coit, Capt. and Mrs. Croft, Master H. T. Croft, Miss S. H. Croft, Mr. A. Duncan, Mr. A. D. Goodliffe, Mr. and Mrs. H. Griffin, Miss D. B. Griffin, Mrs. H. Bell, Miss E. M. Homes, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. L. W. Lewer, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mr. W. Mackenzie, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Rev. T. W. Pearce, Mrs. Sheel, Miss L. C. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith, Mr. H. M. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Shackleton, Master J. F. W. Shackleton, Master J. E. Shackleton, Master P. Shackleton, Mr. D. H. Banner, Mr. R. Bloor, Mr. E. F. Bothwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. Buchanan, Miss E. R. Campbell, Mr. J. N. Cunningham, Mr. D. D. Dryden, Mrs. P. Jones, Master P. A. C. Jones, Mr. J. Law, Mr. G. M. S. Lee, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Martin, Miss W. Martin, Mr. H. L. Molyneux, Mr. J. C. Parkin, Miss P. M. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. C. Rogers, Misses E. Rogers (2), Miss Rogers, Mrs. Springfield, Miss F. L. Webb, Mr. G. F. Wheatcroft, Mrs. Wheen, Mr. A. Wood.

Per s.s. *President Lincoln*, from San Francisco, on March 2nd, for Hongkong:—Mr. H. J. Edde, Mrs. Londa Fletcher, Mr. Eugene Hagnaeur, Mr. Samuel J. Hicks, Mrs. H. D. Hilliard, Master E. M. Hilliard, Miss Jacqueline Hilliard, Mr. James W. Keenan, Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Lockwood, Miss Marion Lockwood, Master Richard Lockwood, Miss Veronica Leonard, Mr. Eric Moller, Mr. Fred C. Minchin, Mr. Thomas J. McGeoy, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Sandstrom, Mr. Montague W. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. L. Sinchor, Miss E. Anita Thomas, Mr. Max Volkart. For Manila: Miss Antonia Alamag, Mr. Charles Bishop, Mr. Edwin Carr, Mrs. Mary Wright Cobb, Mr. Francisco Corrales, Miss Marie B. Deschamps, Miss Elvie Dickson, Mrs. Verne Dyson, Miss Carolyn Dyson, Mr. Carl Elkus, Mr. Wm. S. Fickes, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar A. Fox, Mr. Robert L. Fox, Mr. Pedro Francisco, Mr. Herbert W. Gerber, Mr. F. F. Glass, Mr. Franz Halbekann, Mrs. Arthur Gleason, Mr. and Mrs. Whipple, S. Hall, Dr. and Mrs. Birney S. Hudson, Miss Marion N. Hudson, Miss Charlotte Jenkins, Mrs. Euna Jennings, Capt. Paak Kessasamli, Miss Alice R. Kingsbury, Mr. Hans H. Koeppe, Mrs. Eva Lessner, Miss Edith Lessner, Miss Rachel Lessner, Miss Kathleen MacGregor Davis, Mr. F. Richard Miller, Mrs. Mary S. Mosher, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. McBurney, Mr. Andrew J. Okis, Mr. John G. Owsley, Mr. Cornelius M. Peterson, Mr. Hallet R. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick R. Ross, Capt. Sitt Saeng Kuto, Mr. and Mrs. H. Saunders, Mr. John H. Saunders, Jr., Mrs. George L. Sheeks, Mr. Edward M. Shelton, Jr., Mrs. Emily T. Shelton, Miss Mary Ellen Shelton, Mr. Inmon aexton, Mr. Clarence T. Stark, Mrs. Susan Theisen, Miss Matilda M. Thuman, Mr. Morris Victor, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Watters, Miss Gerda P. Wittman, Miss Helen R. Winans and Miss Emma Zangerle.

(*Continued on next column*).

THE "PRESIDENT LINCOLN" IN PORT.

The s.s. *President Lincoln* arrived here late in the afternoon of Wednesday, from Los Angeles and Shanghai, under the command of Capt. H. L. Jones.

The liner brought a large number of passengers and heavy cargo both for Hong Kong and other ports. There were over 40 saloon passengers and 1,286 tons of general cargo for this port.

For ports beyond Hong Kong, there were over 70 saloon passengers and 3,627 tons of merchandise. The liner also carried about 250 deck passengers; the majority of whom disembarked here.

The *President Lincoln* left here for Manila yesterday at noon.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.15 p.m. states:—

A moderate anti-cyclone covers N. China and extends across Korea into the Sea of Japan. A depression is indicated to the S. of Naha. Moderate to fresh monsoon will prevail along the S.E. coast and the Northern China Sea.

Local forecast: N. winds, moderate to fresh, cloudy, mist or drizzle.

WITHIN CALL.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong yesterday:

Mantua, Empress of Asia, Sui Tang, Van Heutsz, President Lincoln, Remo, Paul Lecat, Chak Sang, Juno, Toyooka Maru, Nitto Maru.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. *Paul Lecat*, on March 2nd, for Shanghai:—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Midgley, Mr. H. F. Healey, Mr. P. I. Newman, Mr. J. P. Bourne, Rev. J. H. Franklin, Rev. H. F. Watson, Rev. D. B. MacQueen, Dr. Kervran, Mr. C. J. Machado, Rev. Fr. Gagnon, Mr. S. E. Jensen, Mr. G. Koloskoff.

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th March, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 21st March, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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1st March, 1927. [4621

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

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Hong Kong, 3rd March, 1927. [4627

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Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and NOON within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th March, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 24th March, or they will not be recognized.

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All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Friday, the 11th instant, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 6th instant.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

J. LIMAGE
Agent.

Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1927. [4623

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"ELLERMAN" LINE.

From EUROPE.

THE Steamship "CITY OF MADRID" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence Delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 7th March, 1927, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 14th March, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

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All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Tuesday, the 8th March, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, the 4th March, 1927.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

J. LIMAGE,
Agent.

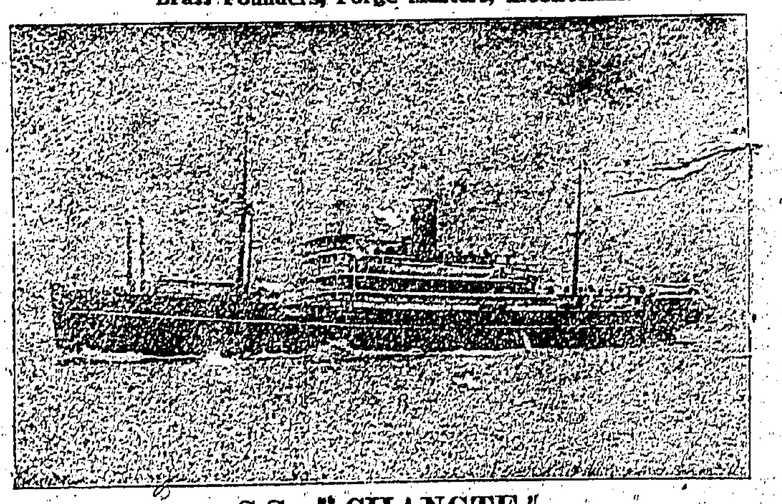
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AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	... On	7th Mar.,	8 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEIYANG"	... On	7th Mar.,	Noon
SHANGHAI, TSINGTAO & DALNY	"LIANGCHOW"	... On	7th Mar.	4 p.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	... On	9th Mar.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SOOCHOW"	... On	10th Mar.,	Noon
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Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

March 2nd.

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Fingal, Norwegian str., 1,243 tons, Capt. N. B. Melsom, from Keelung, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C33.—Thoresen & Co.

Kwangse, British str., 1,228 tons, Capt. Potter, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Lee Cheong, Chinese str., 163 tons, Capt. Ho Yuan, from Shanmei, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf.—Fook Hoi S.S. Co.

Lok Sun, British str., 1,045 tons, Capt. H. C. Kiddle, from Sandakan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C48.—Fei Lun S.S. Co.

Menado Maru, Japanese str., 2,165 tons, Capt. N. Sasaki, from Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

President Lincoln, American str., Capt. H. L. Jones, from San Francisco, with 2,386 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Co.

Remo, Italian motor ship, 6,083 from Trieste, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf. Dodwell & Co.

Shaw Heing, Chinese str., 767 tons, Capt. T. Higuchi, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B48.—Yue Tai Hong.

West Prospect, American str., 4,520 tons, Capt. W. F. M. Scorah, from Los Angeles and Shanghai, with a general cargo cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—Swayne & Hoyt Inc.

Yanon, Chinese str., 664 tons, Capt. L. Jack, from Canton, lying at buoy No. C44.—Canton, Shanghai & Co.

March 3rd.

Anhui, British str., 2,060 tons, Capt. G. H. Pennefather, from Singapore with firewood and general cargo, lying at buoy No. B22.—B. & S.

Antenor, British str., 6,120 tons, Capt. Reynard, from Singapore with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Haining, British str., 832 tons, tons, Capt. W. C. Passmore, Foochow, Amoy, and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.

Hellas, Norwegian str., 1,114 tons, Capt. T. Davidson, from Bangkok, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C15.—Thoresen & Co.

Kathe, German str., 906 tons, Capt. H. Fraudsch, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C23.—Kwang Mow Tai.

Macedonia, Britis hstr., 11,119 tons, Capt. H. W. Potter, from London, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—P. & O.

Moji Maru, Japanese str., 3,757 tons, Capt. Y. Soyejima, from Moji, with cotton goods, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Sinkiang, British str., 1,616 tons, Capt. D. Williams, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Tonglee, Chinese str., 882 tons, Capt. K. Ishu, from Dairen and Chefoo, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17.—Ching Kee.

West Niger, American str., 3,517 tons, Capt. V. D. Trout, from Portland, Ore., and Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A20.—Columbia Pacific S.S. Co.

CLEARANCES.

March 3rd.

Denmark, for Singapore.
Fingal, for Whampoa.
Feng Lee, for Saigon.
Fuk Tai, for Hoihow.
Genzan Maru, for Saigon.
Kathe, for Dairen.
Karmala, for Shanghai.
Khodoung, for Balikpapan.
Lee Cheong, for Shanmi.
Macedonia, for Shanghai.
Menado Maru, for Swatow.
Moji Maru, for Singapore.
President Lincoln, for Manila.
Promise, for Keelung.
Remo, for Shanghai.
Sinkiang, for Canton.
Solviken, for Saigon.
Tak Hing, for Autow.
Tong Lee, for Whampoa.
Van Heutsz, for Singapore.
West Niger, for Manila.
West Prospect, for Saigon.
Yanon, for Canton.

The s.s. *Hai Ning* arrived from Foochow, Amoy and Swatow yesterday, brought 20 European passengers, first class; 12 Chinese passengers, first class; 32 Chinese passengers, second class; and 450 deck passengers.

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SAILINGS FOR EUROPE VIA MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID

† M.V. "MUENSTERLAND"	...	sailing from here on or about 5th of March
† S.S. "OLDENBURG"	...	sailing from here on or about 22nd of March
* S.S. "SAARLAND"	...	sailing from here on or about 18th of April

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TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG"	Sunday,	6th Mar.,	at 7 a.m.
SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"YATSHING"	Sunday,	6th Mar.,	at 10 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Monday,	7th Mar.,	at 1 p.m.
SINGAPORE	"KWAISANG"	Tuesday,	8th Mar.,	at 3 p.m.
CANTON	"FOOSHING"	Wednesday,	9th Mar.,	at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Thursday,	10th Mar.,	at 3 p.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHEONGSHING"	Saturday,	12th Mar.,	at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"FOOSHING"	Sunday,	13th Mar.,	at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via MOJI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	"KUMSANG"	Wednesday,	16th Mar.,	at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"HOSANG"	Thursday,	17th Mar.,	at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Saturday,	19th Mar.,	at Noon
TIENTSIN	"CHIPSHING"	Sunday,	20th Mar.	at 7 a.m.
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Motor Vessel "GLENLUCE"	22nd March.
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HAICHING	...	...Friday,	11th March, at 1 p.m.

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 15	July 19	July 22	July 31
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Aug. 1	Aug. 5	Aug. 9	Aug. 12	Aug 21

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MONTOLARE	April	23	MONTROSE	June	24
MINNEDOSA	May	13	MONTCLARE	July	15

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Apr. 10	Apr. 12	EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 14	Apr. 16

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TAIYO MARU Tuesday, 22nd March, at Noon
TENYO MARU Monday, 4th April
* Calls Los Angeles.

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ANYO MARU Tuesday, 3rd May, at Noon
BOKUYO MARU Wednesday, 8th June

MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Ports.
KITANO MARU Saturday, 12th March, at 11 a.m.
HARUNA MARU Saturday, 26th March
KAMO MARU Saturday, 9th April

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AKI MARU Wednesday, 20th April

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HAKATA MARU Wednesday, 23rd March

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.
SADO MARU Friday, 11th March
AKITA MARU Tuesday, 15th March

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
HAKODATE MARU Thursday, 10th March
NAGANO MARU Saturday, 19th March

RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.
YAMAGATA MARU Monday, 7th March

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA
AKI MARU Saturday, 19th March

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA
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DUBBAN MARU Friday, 11th March
PENANG MARU Saturday, 12th March
ATSUTA MARU Tuesday, 22nd March

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M.S. "DANMARK"
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On or about 4th March, 1927.

	Further Sailings	Expected on or about	Will leave homeward-bound on or about
M.S. "Asia"	...	12th March	—
M.S. "Annam"	...	23rd March	—

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Shipping Notes, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

HEAVY THROUGH CARGOES MANIFESTED.

LOCAL IMPORTS LOW.

The amount of general cargoes brought into the Colony during the 24th hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday showed a decrease as compared with the previous day's return, but through cargoes showed a considerable increase.

Only 7,780 tons of general merchandise were landed here yesterday, of which, 3,987 tons were discharged from four British steamers.

The two best returns were 1,737 tons and 1,500 tons both carried by British steamers. The former amount was on the *Kwai Sang* from Bangkok, and the latter was registered by the *Lok Sang* from Sandakan.

Through cargoes amounted to 33,151 tons. Of these only 2,350 tons were registered by British steamers. The heaviest cargo carried was 10,220 tons by the Danish steamer *Danmark* from Vladivostock and Shanghai.

During the period under review there were 17 arrivals and 10 departures. They were: British, 5 arrivals and 3 departures; Japanese, 1 arrival and 3 departures; Norwegian, 1 departure; Chinese, 5 arrivals and 1 departure; Danish, 1 arrival; French, 1 arrival and 1 departure; American, 3 arrivals and 1 departure; Italian, 1 arrival.

The total number of vessels in the Harbour during 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 67, of which, 24 were British.

The following were the cargo carriers:—

S.S. *Sinkiang* (British) from Shanghai and Swatow, 250 tons general for Hong Kong and 500 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Hai Ning* (British) from Foochow and Swatow, 500 tons general for Hong Kong and 50 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Kwai Sang* (British) from Bangkok, 1,737 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Kwangse* (British) from Shanghai, 1,600 tons general for other ports.

S.S. *Lok Sang* (British) from Sandakan, 1,500 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *President Lincoln* (American) from Los Angeles and Shanghai, 1,286 tons general for Hong Kong and 3,627 tons for other ports.

S.S. *West Niger* (American) from Portland, Oregon, and Shanghai, 900 tons general for Hong Kong and 1,500 tons for other ports.

S.S. *West Prospect* (American) from Los Angeles and Shanghai, 56 tons general, 262 tons kerosene and 221 tons lubricants for Hong Kong and 526 tons and 188 tons respectively for other ports.

S.S. *Paul Lecat* (French) from Saigon, 135 tons general for Hong Kong and 2,118 tons for other ports.

M.V. *Remo* (Italian) from Singapore, 529 tons general for Hong Kong and 7,608 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Danmark* (Danish) from Vladivostock and Shanghai, 10,220 tons general for other ports.

(*Continued on next column*).

SHIPPING NOTES.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday the total number of deck passengers entering here was 1,395.

For carrying 9 passengers in excess of his licence allowance the master of a coolie junk was fined $5 at the Marine Court yesterday morning by Lt.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N.

The M.S. *Paul Lecat* arriving here on Wednesday from Marseilles with a passengers' list of 127, of whom, about thirty disembarked at here. The liner later left for Shanghai with an additional batch of 12 first class passengers who had joined the ship at this port.

The s.s. *Macedonia* arrived here yesterday from Home with about 30 first class passengers for Hong Kong. The liner also brought 330 tons of general cargo for local discharge.

S.S. *Menado Maru* (Japanese) from Hoihow, 517 tons general for Hong Kong and 4,000 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Tong Lee* (Chinese) from Chefoo, 150 tons general for Hong Kong and 1,200 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Yan On* (Chinese) from Canton, 200 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Lee Cheong* (Chinese) from Shan Mei, 20 tons general for Hong Kong.

The following vessels arrived here in ballast:—

S.S. *Tin Chow* (Chinese) from Canton.

S.S. *Shan Hsing* (Chinese) from Canton.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, March 3rd.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer...	29.93	30 01	30.02
Temperature	55°	51	5'
Humidity ...	80	78	76
Wind—			
Direction	NE	Calm	NE
Force ...	1	0	2
Weather ...	O	OD	OD
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 2nd: 66
Lowest open-air Temperature, 3rd: 50

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 4th to 10th, 1927.

Days of Week.	Date of Month.	High Water. Hongl Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Low Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Fri.	4	m10 16	5 0	m 4 3	0 4
		9 54 a	7 8	3 24 a	2 2
Sat.	5	m10 48	5 2	m 4 38	0 7
		10 47 a	7 4	4 12 a	1 9
Sun.	6	m11 21	5 4	m 5 14	1 1
		11 42 a	6 8	4 59 a	1 8
Mon.	7	m11 57	5 5	m 5 51	1 7
				5 51 a	1 9
Tues.	8	m 0 41	6 0	m 6 27	2 3
		0 38 a	5 7	6 54 a	2 0
Wed.	9	m 1 48	5 2	m 7 2	3 0
		1 26 a	5 8	8 14 a	2 2
Thur.	10	m 3 19	4 5	m 7 38	3 5
		2 24 a	5 6	9 58 a	2 3

M. M. MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

LIGNES COMMERCIALES (Cargo Boats).
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s/s "CAPT. FAURE" 15th April.
"SI-KIANG" 15th May.

s.s. ——— due to arrive from DUNKIRK, LONDON, HAVRE about the ———

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS (Mail Service)

Steamers.	Sailings from Marseilles.	Arr. at Hong Kong & Sailings for Shanghai and Japan.	Sailings from Hong Kong for Marseilles.
PORTHOS A	—	—	15th Mar.
PAUL LECAT A	—	—	29th Mar.
G. METZINGER... ...A	11th Feb.	16th Mar.	12th April
AMAZONE B	25th Feb.	30th Mar.	26th April
CHENONCEAUX ...A	11th Mar.	12th April	10th May
ATHOS II A	25th Mar.	26th April	24th May

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Steamship.	Tons.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination.
"MANTUA"	10,902	5th March, Noon	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th March	Mar'les., L'don., Anwerp & R'dam.
"NAGPORE"	5,283	14th March	Saigon, Mar'les., London, Hamburg & Rotterdam.
"NYANZA"	7,023	16th March	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	19th March	Marseilles & London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	9th April	Mar'les., L'don, Dunkirk, Antwerp, R'dam. & Hull.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	16th April	Mar'les., London, Antwerp & Hull.
"DELTA"	8,097	27th April	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MALWA"	10,980	30th April	Marseilles and London.
"NELLORE"	6,853	11th May	S'pore, Penang, Columbo & B'bay
"KHIVA"	9,138	14th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"NYANZA"	7,023	25th May	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MOREA"	10,198	28th May	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	11th June	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	9th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd July	Marseilles and London.

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"SHIRALA"	7,841	8th March	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta
"TAKADA"	6,949	24th March	do.
"JANUS"	4,824	31st March	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

*"TANDA"	6,956	4th Mar., 4 p.m.	Manila, Sandakan, Iloilo, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st April	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th April	
"TANDA"	6,956	3rd June	
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st July	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th July	

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The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"TAKADA"	6,947	6th March	Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
"KHYBER"	9,114	11th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"JANUS"	4,824	12th March	Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TILAWA"	10,000	22nd March	Kobe.
"LAHORE"	5,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"JEYPORE"	7,648	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NELLORE"	6,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHIVA"	9,185	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NYANZA"	7,023	22th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,953	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,956	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.

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m.v. "AGRA"	8th June, 1927

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	Loading about
m.v. "DELHI"	6th March, 1927
m.v. "SUMATRA"	8th April, 1927
m.v. "AGRA"	30th April, 1927

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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia ...	*Manisa*	4th Mar.
Manila	*Empress of Asia*...	5th Mar.
Shanghai	*Suiyang*	5th Mar.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai...	*Pres. Grant* ...	6th Mar.
Straits	*Takada*	6th Mar.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai...	*Emp. of Canada*...	18th Mar.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 19th March ...	*Tanda* ...	Friday, 4th, Parcels Noon, Reg. 1.45 P M, Letters 2.30 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ning* ...	1.00 P M
Shanghai	*Antenor* ...	5.00 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 1st April	*Manisa*	Parcels 5.00 P M, Reg. 5th, 9.45 A M, Letters 10.30 A M
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	*Taikwa Maru* ...	Saturday, 5th, 8.30 A M
Straits	*Yatshing* ...	1.30 P M
Wei Hai Wei	*Kwangsi* ...	2.00 P M
Saigon	*Pheum Penh* ...	5.00 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Kaijo Maru* ...	Sunday, 6th, 8.30 A M
*Swatow and Bangkok	*Kayang*	8.30 A M
Amoy	*Anhua*	9.00 A M
Swatow	*Sinkiang*	9.00 A M
Swatow, ...	*Kweiyang*... ...	Monday, 7th, 10.30 A M
Sandakan	*Mausang*	11.30 A M
Shanghai	*Liangchow* ...	2.30 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Hong* ...	Tuesday, 8th, Noon
Amoy	*Suiyang*	5.00 P M
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & *EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 27th March, & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only) ...	*Empr. of Asia* ...	Parcels 5.00 P M, Wednesday, 9th, Reg. 9.15 A M, Letters 10.00 A M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 6th April	*Patroclus* ...	Wednesday, 9th, Reg. 9.45 A M, Letters 10.30 A M
Swatow	*Kwai Sang* ...	5.00 P M
Straits and Calcutta	*Lai Sang* ...	Thursday, 10th, Parcels Noon, Letters 1.00 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ching* ...	Friday, 11th, Noon

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L. E. HOPKINS,
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Prince's Building, Chater Road,
36] Hong Kong.

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Authorised Capital $50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up $20,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sterling £6,000,000
Silver $13,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors $20,000,000

Head Office: Hong Kong.

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Canton	Kuala	Shanghai
Chefoo	Lumpur	Singapore
Colombo	London	Sourabaya
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Foochow	Malacca	Patani
Haiphong	Manila	Tientsin
Hamburg	Moukden	Tokyo
Hankow	Nagasaki	Tsingtao
Harbin	New York	Yokohama

Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hong Kong, 26th February, 1927. [52

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 27th May, 1926. [2

EQUITABLE EASTERN BANKING CORPORATION. AN AMERICAN BANK.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS U.S. $3,000,000.00

HEAD OFFICE:
37, Wall Street, NEW YORK.

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General Banking and Exchange Business.
Interest Allowed on all Deposits. Rates on Application.
London and Paris Agents: EQUITABLE TRUST Co., of N.Y.
38] D. M. BIGGAR, Manager.

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL MAATSCHAPPIJ.
(Netherlands Trading Society).

Established 1824.
Hong Kong Branch established 1906.

Authorized Capital Guilders 150,000,000 (£12,500,000)
Paid-up Capital ,, 80,000,000 (£6,666,670)
Reserve Fund ,, 21,117,340 (£1,759,778)
Special Reserves ,, 22,660,000 (£1,888,330)

Head Office:—Amsterdam.
Eastern Head Office:—Batavia.
Branches:—Bandjermasin, Bandoeng, Bombay, Calcutta, Cheribon, Djember, Djokjakarta, Djeddah, The Hague, Kobe, Kota-Radja, Makassar, Medan, Padang, Palembang, Pecalongan, Penang, Pontianak, Rangoon, Rotterdam, Samarang, Shanghai, Singapore, Soerabaia, Soerakarta (Solo), Tegal, Tjilatjap, Weltevreden and Sibolga (Sumatra).
London Bankers:—National Provincial Bank, Ltd.
Correspondents all over the World.
Banking Business of Every Description.
O. STEENSTRA,
34] Manager.

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中華銀行

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)
Authorized Capital...$60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital 19,760,200.00
Reserve Fund 9,864,398.89
Head Office:—Peking.
Hong Kong Branch:—4, Queen's Road Central.
Branches and Sub-branches all over China, and Correspondents in Europe, America, and other parts of the world.
London Bankers:—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, The National Provincial Bank, Ltd.
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.
Every description of Banking Business transacted.
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TSUYEE PEI,
Manager.
Hong Kong, January 16th, 1926. [28



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Authorised Capital£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital£1,600,000
Paid-up Capital£1,050,000
Reserve Fund£1,350,000

Bankers:
The Bank of England and Midland Bank, Ltd.

Branches:

Bangkok	Kandy	Penang
Batavia	Karachi	Port Louis
Bombay	Kota Bharu	(Mauritius)
Calcutta	Kuala	Rangoon
Colombo	Lumpur	Shanghai
Delhi	Kuantan	Simla
Galle	(Pahang)	Singapore
Hong Kong	Madras	Sourabaya
Howrah	New York	

Hong Kong Branches:
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.
C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central,
Hong Kong, June 17th, 1926. [22

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital fully paid-up) Yen 100,000,000
Reserve Fund Yen 89,500,000

Head Office: Yokohama.

Branches and Agencies at:

Alexandria	Honolulu	Rangoon
Batavia	Kai Yuen	Saigon
Bombay	Karachi	Soerabaya
Buenos Ayres	Kobe	San Francisco
Calcutta	London	Seattle
Canton	Lyons	Semarang
Changchun	Los Angeles	Shanghai
Dairen	Manila	Singapore
(Dalny)	Nagasaki	Shimonoseki
Fengtien (Mukden)	Nagoya	Sydney
Hamburg	Newchwang	Tientsin
Hankow	New York	Tokyo
Harbin	Peking	Tsinanfu
Hong Kong	Rio de Janeiro	Tsingtau
	Vladivostock (Temporarily closed)	

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for Fixed Periods at rates to be obtained on application.
H. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th Dec., 1926. [35

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.
Head Office:
96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital...Frs.72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ...Frs.63,400,000.00
Reserve Fund Frs.59,657,283.54

Branches:

Bangkok	Hanoi	Pondicherry
Battambang	Hong Kong	Saigon
Canton	Mengtsz	Shanghai
Djibouti	Noumea	Singapore
Fort Bayard	Papeete	Tientsin
Haiphong	Peking	Tourane
Hankow	Pnom-Penh	Yunnanfou

Bankers:
In France: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Crédit Industrial et Commercial; Société Générale.
In London: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais.
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposit according to arrangement.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
A. LECOT,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1924. [32

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

Head Office: Hong Kong.
10, Des Voeux Road Central.

Authorized Capital$10,000,000
Paid-up Capital 5,000,000
Reserve Fund 1,200,000

Branches and Agencies.

Canton	Osaka	Haiphong
London	Singapore	Batavia
Seattle	Melbourne	Kowloon
Nagasaki	Calcutta	New York
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Manila	San Francisco	Peking
Bombay	Taipeh	Rangoon
Shanghai	Tokyo	Sourabaya
Paris	Penang	Semarang
Honolulu		

Correspondents in all principal cities of the world.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Loans granted on approved securities.
Safe Deposit Boxes To Let.
Kan Tong Po,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 22nd May, 1926.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.
(Taiwan Ginko.)

Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed ...Yen 45,000,000
Capital (Paid-up) Yen 29,375,000

Head Office:—Taipeh, Formosa.

Branches:
Japan:—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka.
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts, and Fixed Deposits at Rates which will be quoted on application.
T. TAKAGI,
Manager,
Hong Kong Branch.
8, Des Voeux Road, Central
Hong Kong, 11th May, 1926. [27

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

Established 1912.
Head Office: Hong Kong.

Hong Kong Currency
Authorized Capital.....$11,000,000
Paid-up Capital 8,664,200
Reserve Fund..... 700,000

Branches:—
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37] Chief Manager.

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Paid-up Capital£3,000,000
Reserve Fund£4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors£3,000,000

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CALCUTTA	KUALA LUMPUR	SINGAPORE
CANTON	KUCHING	SOURABAYA
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HANKOW	PESHAWAR	ZAMBOANGA (Philippine Islands).
HONG KONG	PUKET	

Foreign Exchange and General Banking Business transacted.
Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.
Hong Kong, August 1st, 1926. [30

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE.
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5, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong.
Head Office:
74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

Capital Frs. 20,000,000
Reserves Frs. 11,160,000
Special Working Capital Frs. 50,000,000

Branches:

Paris	Lyons	Marseilles
Saigon	Haiphong	Hanoi
Peking	Shanghai	Tientsin
Canton	Hong Kong	

Bankers:
France: Société Generalé, Banque Nationale de Crédit, Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas.
London: Midland Bank, Ltd.
New York: Irving Bank, Columbia Trust Co.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Correspondents throughout the World.
A. ROLLIN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 2nd December, 1925.

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